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Superpowers agree May summit date

Doubts that arms treaty will be drawn up in time

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan announced yesterday that his summit meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov in Moscow will begin on May 29 and last until June 2.

He made the announcement in the White House rose garden after holding talks with Mr Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who has spent two days here discussing the issues that will be on the agenda at the two leaders' fourth meeting.

Asked whether they would be able to sign a treaty reducing their long-range nuclear arsenals by half, Mr Reagan said: "I have no way to answer that now." Mr Shevardnadze said the two sides had also made progress on Afghanistan.

The two men held a working lunch before a joint statement was issued summing up the talks of the past three days.

Mr Reagan's five-day trip to Moscow is a little later and longer than expected, and suggests that he may want to spend time resting and looking around Moscow, a city he has never visited before.

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Since Mr Gorbachov did not travel outside Washington when he was here in December, Mr Reagan is unlikely to tour the Soviet Union, though his wife has expressed interest in visiting the famous Hermitage museum in Leningrad.

On his return, the President is expected to call at Brussels to brief Nato members. Plans are also under discussion for a visit to London to pay a probable final call as President on Mrs Thatcher.

Yesterday morning Mr Shevardnadze held another round of talks with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, devoted mainly to Afghanistan. Swift agreement on the terms of the Soviet withdrawal before the start of the summit is seen as vital by both sides.

US officials have expressed cautious hope for the resolution of the vexed question of a simultaneous cut-off of US aid to the Afghan rebels and Soviet aid to the Kabul Government.

They also discussed the Middle East. Mr Shultz urged Moscow to lend support to his latest peace plan in the Arab-Israeli conflict and to join other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council in passing a second resolution on the Gulf War, imposing an arms embargo against Iran.

On Tuesday evening Mr Shultz, who enjoys a good rapport with his opposite number, hosted an informal buffet and showed a film, *That's Entertainment*, to the Soviet delegation. He has often remarked that more can be accomplished in such informal settings, and said yesterday that the evening had, indeed, been productive.

Mr Shevardnadze appeared taken aback by the torrent of shouted questions after Mr Reagan's brief announcement. Standing beside the president, he turned aside most questions but said that with the date fixed, "we shall take care of good substance, good content, for the summit."

The summit will have its usual four-part agenda: arms control, regional issues, human rights and bilateral relations. Progress has been made in all fields, and the United States has been encouraged by the success of the talks in Switzerland earlier this month between Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, and Mr Dmitry Yazov, his Soviet opposite number.

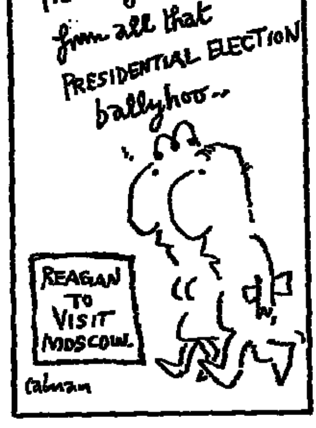
In addition, the United States and the Soviet Union have successfully begun negotiations on a new five-year grain agreement, which the two leaders will probably sign at the summit. The Russians are expected to buy an extra million tonnes of wheat that the US has offered.

Mr Shevardnadze's talks here, the second in a series of monthly preparatory meetings the two foreign ministers will hold in each other's capitals, were described by both sides as fruitful.

There is still doubt that a strategic arms treaty can be drawn up in time for signature. President Reagan said last week that the treaty was turning out to be very complicated, but he suggested he would be ready to meet Mr Gorbachov a second time this year if negotiations could not be completed by May.

On Tuesday the new nuclear risk reduction centres, officially set up at the last summit, were formally inaugurated. The Soviet delegation watched as a test message was sent. President Reagan has appointed Mr Allen Holmes, an Assistant Secretary of State, to be the centre's first director.

Meanwhile, the Senate Intelligence Committee has issued a report saying the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty could be verified, but the risk of Soviet cheating would rise sharply if a new Start treaty was signed.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Dukakis leads Bush in poll

Mr Michael Dukakis, the American Presidential candidate, would currently beat the Republican favourite, Vice-President George Bush, according to the latest opinion poll published yesterday.

The poll, conducted for ABC Television, gives Mr Dukakis a 5 per centage point lead over Mr Bush.

This news came as Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, himself toted as a potential candidate, endorsed Mr Dukakis's nomination.

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40 fans held before match

At least 40 English football fans were arrested in the West End of London last night for hooliganism before the England-Netherlands match at Wembley.

A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said that most of those arrested had been drinking

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Brains needed

The engineering industry needs a larger proportion of the next generation's brains as well its share of aggressive salesmen, says an introduction to today's eight pages of Appointments Pages 35-42

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Abbey plans to issue shares to investors

By Vivien Goldsmith

The Abbey National Building Society plans to issue shares to its investors, as the first building society to become a public company.

Britain's second biggest building society, with assets of £27 billion, will ask its 4 million members to agree that shares will be issued free to members or, more likely, that the new shares would be accompanied by a rights issue under which investors could buy additional shares on favourable terms.

Adult members with more than £100 in their accounts stand to emerge as the initial shareholders in the new company. Abbey needs to attract votes from 20 per cent of them, with 75 per cent voting in favour.

There is no timetable for conversion, as the Building Societies Commission has not yet published the final version of the terms under which building societies will be able to convert. But however swiftly these final rules are published and brought into force it will probably be at least a year before Abbey National Plc appears at the Stock Exchange.

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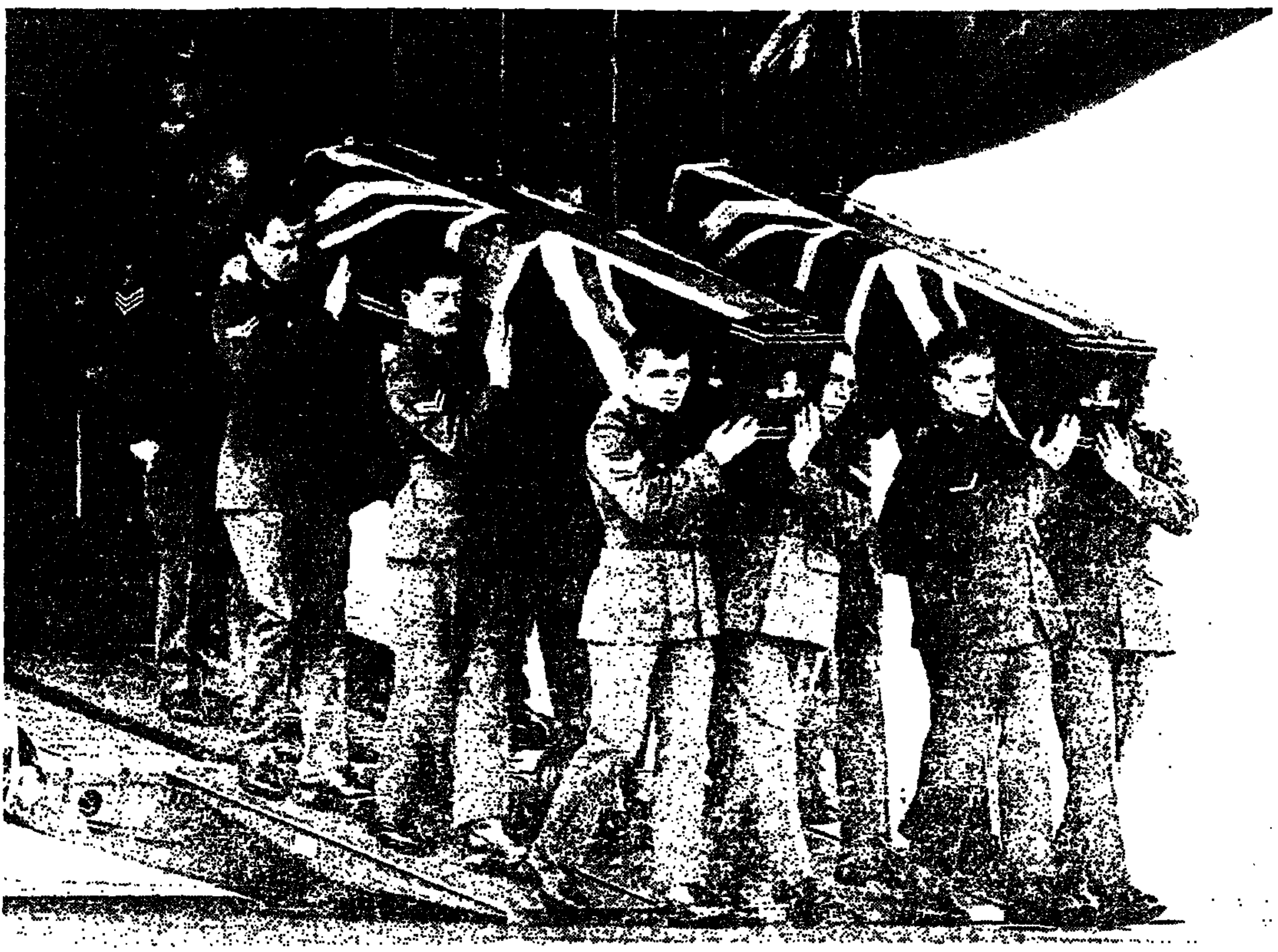
Dignity and sorrow as the soldiers come home



The coffins of Corporals David Howes and Derek Wood being born by comrades from an RAF Hercules at Northolt yesterday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

RUC reverts to 'firm' policy at IRA funerals

By John Cooney and Paul Vallely

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is to end its policy of staying away from republican funerals, the police force announced yesterday in its first public statement since the death of two British soldiers on Saturday.

The announcement was given immediate support by Unionist politicians, who have claimed that the murder of three mourners and two British soldiers at separate IRA funerals last week was due to the new low-profile policy which police introduced last Wednesday.

The RUC last night issued a statement which said: "Experience has . . . shown that maintenance of the law and the prevention of outrages will only be guaranteed through the firm presence of the police and Army".

The statement made reference to those Roman Catholic church leaders who had successfully pressed the RUC chief constable, Sir John Hermon, to introduce the low-key approach.

Dr Cahal Daly, the Bishop of Down and Connor, Belfast's leading Catholic churchman, had promised in return that his priests would not permit IRA paramilitary displays at funerals.

Police had made every reasonable attempt to resolve the problem and to avoid conflict and confrontation.

But experience had shown, the police said, that the influence of clerics and others in the community, however well-intentioned, was not enough to curb unacceptable behaviour at funerals.

But the new police approach will be designed to prevent Sinn Fein members from policing funerals, to prevent bystanders from being done to death and to prevent assaults on funeral parties such as the one by a lone Unionist gunman last Wednesday, the day low-key policing was introduced.

Mr Martin McGuinness, a prominent Sinn Fein leader, said that a return to saturation policy "would only ensure confrontation and disorder" at IRA funerals.

But the RUC statement was welcomed by Dr William Fleming, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, preaching at the funeral of 25-year-old Police Constable Clive Graham, who was shot dead by an IRA sniper in Londonderry on Monday.

Enforcing law and order was the responsibility of the police, he said. Others did not have the legal right or power

The 49sec of untransmitted BBC film involving the mob murder of the two corporals was handed over to the Royal Ulster Constabulary last night (Richard Evans writes). Two plain-clothed officers arrived at BBC offices in Belfast and saw Dr Colin Morris, Controller in Northern Ireland, who had been expecting them and had taken legal advice.

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Thatcher consoles victims' families

By David Sapsted and John Cooney

Corporals Derek Wood and David Howes, the victims of the IRA's unbridled savagery at the weekend, came home to England yesterday.

If their murder in West Belfast on Saturday disgusted the world, then their solemn and dignified homecoming moved a much smaller group, headed by the Prime Minister, at windswept RAF Northolt, west London.

Relatives of the young corporals wept as the coffins, draped in the Union Flag and bearing the dead soldiers' number one dress hats, were carried from an RAF Hercules aircraft.

An honour guard from the Royal Corps of Signals, which whom the two men served, reversed arms as the coffins were borne across the tarmac to the sound of Chopin's Funeral March.

Then the pallbearers, also members of the Corps, paused before the small group of relatives, the Prime Minister, Mr Ian Stewart, Armed Forces Minister, and senior Army and RAF officers.

Mrs Thatcher, in black, bowed her head as the party paid a silent tribute to the two men who had been beaten, stripped and shot after their car became entangled in an IRA funeral procession.

Even though they were carrying pistols, Corporal Wood, aged 24, and Corporal Howes, aged 23, fired only a single warning shot as the republican mob attacked.

"The restraint they showed under the most hideous, violent provocation was, surely, an example to us all", Brigadier Sam Cowan, of the Royal Corps of Signals, said later.

After the moment's silence, the two coffins were carried to waiting hearses as the Corps' band played the regimental slow march.

Corporal Howes' mother, Mrs Barbara Newman, his sister Wendy and his father Mr Robert Howes accompanied their son's coffin. Corporal Wood's sister, Mrs Susan Jarvis, took a comforting hand from the Prime Minister after watching her brother's coffin placed in the hearse.

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Ford deal backed by TUC

By Roland Rudd

The TUC general council yesterday voted decisively in favour of the engineers' single-union deal with Ford of America in a last-ditch attempt to persuade the company to reverse its decision to cancel the £40 million Dundee plant.

The unions opposed to the deal immediately made it clear that the 23-15 vote in favour of the Amalagamated Engineering Union's single union agreement was only "TUC advice" which they were not bound to accept.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, whose members threatened to black the proposed factory, said he would not recommend the advice to Ford's national joint negotiating committee.

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Hammond avoids TUC suspension

By Roland Rudd

The TUC general council was yesterday prevented from putting forward a motion to suspend the electricians' union after Mr Eric Hammond, its general secretary, said the move breached the TUC's own rules and procedures.

Mr Hammond, of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, made a defiant stand which took the council by surprise.

Trade union leaders had been expected to suspend the union for three months for breaking TUC directives over its role in News International's move to Wapping.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, was forced to break the proceedings and put forward a motion to defer consideration of action until he had time to seek legal advice. The motion was carried by 21 votes to 14.

Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretay of the National Graphical Association, which was involved in the Wapping dispute, said the issue "has certainly not gone away".

Ms Brenda Dean, general secretary of print union Sogat, said she was "very annoyed" with what her members would see as the "cynical wish of the TUC not to deal with the problem" and said a decision should be taken soon or the issue would divide the trade union movement at its annual Congress in September.

The general council, which has tried to prevent the issue of the EETPU's involvement with News International coming before the annual TUC conference, has been defeated by the rank and file twice.

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Civil Servants who economised with the truth

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Two top Civil Servants have been forced to apologize unreservedly to a Commons select committee after repeatedly and publicly denying the existence of embarrassing papers which one MP had actually seen.

Mr Derek Andrews, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr Guy Stapleton, chief executive of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, have sent letters to the Public Accounts committee admitting that they "inadvertently" and "unwittingly" misled it when they gave evidence last month on fraud and the Common Agricultural Policy.

At that meeting the two men were challenged directly, but specifically denied that their briefing papers contained pages headed "Not for NAO (National Audit Office) Eyes". The NAO, which prepares reports for the committee, has an absolute right to demand any factual information relating to departmental performance.

However both men had fallen foul of an eagle-eyed member of the committee, Mr Terry Davis, Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill, who by chance had spotted Mr Stapleton reading just such a document while the Civil Servant was travelling by train to Reading from his Cotswolds home two days before the meeting.

In the course of the evidence session Mr Davis said he understood the two men's briefing papers included a page headed "Not for NAO Eyes" and asked what it was they were trying to hide from the NAO.

Mr Andrews replied: "I do not recognize the page you are referring to." Mr Stapleton, asked if he recognized it replied: "No I do not."

Mr Davis then invited the two men to reconsider their replies — an offer not taken up. Finally he suggested they re-examined their briefing papers after the meeting and send letters to the committee if they wanted to correct their earlier replies.

Mr Andrews replied: "I do not see the need to do it." Mr Stapleton replied: "I am in very much the same position as Mr Andrews."

Now, however, Mr Andrews has written to the committee saying that "there was one page of my brief, an index page, which has these words in the heading. I apologise to the committee for giving incorrect evidence. I did so unwittingly".

Mr Stapleton has also written to say it had been "subsequently drawn to my attention that one page of my briefing did carry that superscription. Although it was not part of the material I was using for the hearing, I apologize unreservedly to the committee for having inadvertently misled them in this way".

After the meeting the committee asked the Comptroller and Auditor General, Mr John Bourn, to investigate whether important information had been deliberately withheld from the NAO.

Mr Davis commented: "It was unfortunate that Mr Stapleton and Mr Andrews could not remember what was in briefs which Mr Stapleton for one had been reading only two days before. I expect higher standards from such senior Civil Servants."

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Wind energy on stream by 1992

The electricity needs of 15,000 people will be met when Britain's first three wind energy farms start operating in 1992. They will be built under a £28 million scheme announced yesterday by Mr Michael Spicer, Minister of State at the Department of Energy.

He told the British Wind Energy Association's conference in London: "Our studies suggest that, technically, wind energy could eventually contribute as much as 20 per cent of United Kingdom electricity supply." The wind farms, at sites yet to be decided, will each have 25 wind turbines producing a total of 8 megawatts, and they will be funded jointly by the department and the Central Electricity Generating Board. In addition, the world's first experimental offshore wind energy unit will be built off the Norfolk coast in a project costing £2 million, sponsored by the Government, the CEGB, Eastern Electricity Board, the turbine manufacturers and the EEC.

Poll win for P&O

A High Court judge yesterday rejected an attempt by the National Union of Seamen to postpone legal action by the P&O ferry group aimed at stopping a national strike ballot.

Mr Justice Pill ruled that P&O's action, which also involves contempt of court proceedings against the union, should be heard tomorrow.

P&O lawyers will argue that the ballot, called in protest at the rundown of the merchant fleet, would amount to an incitement to unlawful secondary industrial action.

Yamani's legal bid

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the former Saudi Arabian oil minister, will try in the High Court in London today to have a book about him taken off the bookshelves.

The legal action follows an injunction granted on Monday to restrain further distribution or publication of *Yamani: The Inside Story*, by Jeffrey Robinson.

The sheikh, who for 24 years dominated the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, began legal moves over alleged breaches of an agreement made with the author.

£30,000 book award

Britain's newest and most valuable literary competition was launched yesterday with the announcement of the nominations for the £30,000 NCR Book Award.

NCR Ltd, the computer manufacturers, has donated the prize for non-fiction titles.Although non-fiction accounts for more than 90 per cent of book sales, attention has on the past focused on awards, such as the Booker Prize, for novels. NCR's £25,000 top prize, with £1,000 each for the five runners-up, is designed to stimulate interest in non fiction.

A shortlist of six has been chosen by a panel of judges chaired by Mr Jeremy Isaacs, former chief executive of Channel 4, from an entry of 195 books.

Family is reunited

John Matthews and Sue Chapman passed each other in the street daily for two years without realizing they were brother and sister. The family connection was disovered only when Sue's daughter and John's son, both aged 17, became friends at school in Devon.

Sue was adopted as a baby and told she had a brother when she was 14. John, aged 41, from Ashburton, did not know of his sister.

Sue, aged 37, from Buckfastleigh, said of her brother: "I said hello to him every day. Now to find out he is my brother is amazing."

Journalist ban stays

A Palestinian journalist, considered a security risk by the Home Office, was yesterday refused permission to live in Britain.

The Court of Appeal, upholding his exclusion, said there were "disturbing" factors in the case.

He came to Britain in 1979, and in 1986, returning from a visit to the Lebanon, was told his re-entry visa had been revoked. He was refused political asylum and removed from the country, which Lord Justice Dillon said yesterday was a serious breach of immigration rules.

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Land-Rover strike still on as unions hold ballot

By Craig Seton

The month-old Land-Rover strike is to go on until 6,000 manual workers vote in a secret ballot on a revised pay offer after a chaotic and bitter mass meeting yesterday failed to agree on a return to work.

Union leaders were howled down when they admitted that they had failed to win any "new money" in the revised, two-year pay deal they were recommending the striking workforce to accept.

A show of hands on the unions' recommendation to accept the offer appeared to be close, but when Mr Stan Hill, the union convener, announced that it had been carried, he was greeted with a barrage of protests.

After consulting union colleagues, he told the workforce that a secret postal ballot would be held and urged workers to remain on strike until the result was known.

However, it was estimated that at least 2,000 of the workforce stayed away from the mass meeting outside the company's plant in Solihull, West Midlands.

The strike has cost the company an estimated £66 million pounds in lost production and each striking worker has lost £1,000 in pay.

At the mass meeting, Mr Sam Robinson, the chief union negotiator, had outlined the revised pay deal agreed by management and unions.

The protests began when it became clear that management had restructured its offer to consolidate some bonus payments into basic pay, but had not increased the total package.

Land-Rover management has insisted that the new pay offer is worth 14 per cent over two years. The unions claimed it was worth only 8 or 9 per cent in new money.

● The threat of industrial action at Jaguar loomed last night as 4,000 manual workers began balloting on the company's plans to increase production at its assembly plant at Coventry. The unions are opposing Jaguar's proposals to step up production from 48,000 cars to 56,000 a year without increasing staff.

Mr Stan Hill, the convener whose verdict on the vote was overturned, addressing the mass meeting at Land-Rover's plant.

Controversy over single-union agreements

Transport workers sign two deals

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

About 1,300 new jobs are being created in Wales at two separate companies which have single-union deals with the Transport and General Workers' Union, currently at the centre of the dispute over Ford's decision not to build a new components plant at Dundee.

The union won contracts against opposition from the electricians at one plant and Sogat, the print union, at another. The TUC disputes committee was asked to adjudicate, which it did in favour of the TGWU.

The transport workers' opposition to a single-union deal negotiated by the AEU has caused Ford to abandon plans to build a new factory at Dundee with the loss of 1,000 jobs.

Yesterday TGWU officials maintained that the two cases were not comparable. They said Ford was trying to break long-standing agreements with a view to undermining the pay and conditions of workers. The union's agreements in Wales were of long standing and the companies involved accepted that future expansion, involving new factories would continue the single-union arrangement.

Yesterday's announcement by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, that American-owned Kimberly-Clark, which makes soft tissues, would be creating 200 new jobs under a single-union deal with the TGWU, was held up as an example to Ford.

Delyn Borough Council, in whose area part of the development is taking place, has launched a campaign to get Ford to bring its cancelled Dundee project to Wales. Mr Tony Sharps, a local councillor who sent a telegram to the Ford president in Detroit, said the Kimberly-Clark announcement was proof of what the area could do.

Mr Walker said he would be delighted if Ford expanded in Wales but said he would be equally delighted if it invested in Scotland, rather than taking the project back to the US.

Mr Alan Demaine, Kimberly-Clark's personnel manager, said that the single-union deal with the TGWU was negotiated six years ago, in spite of opposition from Sogat, which represents workers at two other plants.

Mr Demaine said the matter was taken through the TUC disputes procedures, which resolved the problem. "We are keeping faith with the union under that original deal by acknowledging rights for the TGWU in our expansion plans in Clwyd", he said.

The company is investing £20 million at Flint and on Deeside. Mr Nicholas Smith, Dallas-based Kimberly-Clark's managing director, said the single-union deal it had was a very important part of the decision to move to North Wales.

Mr Walker has also announced the creation of 1,100 jobs over the next three years in one of the biggest industrial projects the country had seen for some time. Race Electronics, of Talbot Green, Mid Glamorgan, employs 750 people and has increased its workforce by 300

Four years ago the company had an annual turnover of £3 million. This year it is expected to be £36 million. It negotiated a single-union deal with the TGWU.

● British Coal has sold one of its transport fleets in a privatization deal which will give sole negotiating rights for workers in the new company to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM).

Under the multi-million pound deal, a consortium of local businessmen backed by merchant bankers will take over British Coal's Nottinghamshire mobile plant and transport operation at South Normanton, near Mansfield, from Sunday.

The work carried out in the Nottinghamshire coalfield by the 400 workers and 190 vehicles at the depot will now be contracted out to the new company by British Coal.

Dundee fiasco a threat to overseas investment

By Roland Rudd

Union opposition to Ford of America's attempt to sign a single-union deal in Dundee will jeopardize further investment in Britain from America and the Far East, according to a report to be released on Monday in London and New York.

The British-American Deal Review says that Britain's industrial relations' image — already damaged by a rash of highly-publicized strikes involving American companies — has been "further blackened by the folly of union opposition to Ford's planned investment in Dundee".

In assessing the risks and returns of investment, the review says that foreign companies believe single-union deals are increasingly important. Unless the British trade union movement offered those arrangements, with a guarantee that hostile unions would not boycott companies with single-union argeements, a significant amount of future investment would be redirected to other countries.

When Ford of America and the Amalgamated Engineering Union first announced they had signed a single-union agreement at Dundee last October, Mr Michael Murphy, automobile officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that if the deal went ahead no component manufactured in the factory would be installed in Ford cars made in Britain.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, yesterday said the report bore out the TUC's own evidence that there is increasing pressure from companies to sign single-union deals.

"We want inward investment and we must never give the wrong signals to foreign companies. The Dundee situation injects a further note of urgency into the work of the TUC's special review procedure", he said.

Foreign companies which have invested in the UK account for a disproportionately large share of single-union deals.

The British-American Deal Review (110 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3RA; by subscription)

Foresters offered grants for planting

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Tax concessions for forestry which the Chancellor of the Exchequer abolished in last week's Budget are to be partly replaced by a higher grant for tree planting announced by the Government yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons that from April 5 a new single grant scheme would replace the former Forestry Grant Scheme and the Broad Leaved Woodland Grant Scheme.

The new rates of grant would be at least £375 a hectare higher, although the increase for broad leaved trees would be substantially more.

Environmental groups are certain to be disappointed that the new scheme does little, to discourage large scale conifer plantations

The Country Landowners' Association expressed disappointment that nothing was being done to replace concessions on maintenance, which meant that woodland owners would have less incentive to follow sound forestry practices and employ specialist staff.

Mr Rifkind said the new scheme would encourage timber production and jobs in rural areas, provide an alternative to farming and improve the landscape for wildlife and recreation.

Several conservation groups fear that the moves will still encourage the planting of the poorest land, such as the Flow Country in Caithness.

Mr Stuart Housden, head of conservation planning at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "I fear that the new grant levels will go some way towards replacing the absurd tax arrangements, courageously swept away by the Chancellor, and encourage the planting up of the poorest land like the Flow Country which is of great landscape and wildlife value".

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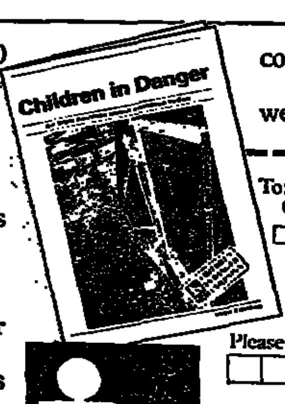

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Community charge

Disobedience call by SNP

By Kerry Gill

The Scottish National Party has urged the Scots to disobey the Government and not pay the community charge, or poll tax, when it is introduced in April 1989.

Under the slogan: 'Don't get mad — get even', Mr Gordon Wilson, the SNP leader, yesterday launched a campaign to defeat the new tax.

Mr Wilson said in Edinburgh that the party's aims in the run- up to the May district elections were to stop the poll tax and to rebuild Scotland's political muscle.

"We want a mandate for a campaign of mass non-payment because we realize this is the only effective way outside of having a Scottish parliament. People should refuse to pay and make the poll tax irrecoverable", he said.

The SNP will field at least 550 district candidates compared with 493 at the last elections when they polled 14 per cent of the vote.

Mr Wilson said he expected 22 per cent backing from the electorate on May 5 because the Scottish people were very angry about recent political and industrial events in Scotland.

"I consider it utterly detestable that 450 jobs in Dundee have been lost because of the actions of fat cats down south who have no idea about the unemployment and poverty affecting our country. We have to stamp out their influence so that a Ford-style situation never happens again", he said.

"Our message to the Scottish people is this. Don't just moan about the poll tax — stop it. The Scottish people must face the moment of truth. If they vote Labour they will get nothing but words. If they vote SNP, they will get action."

However, Mr Wilson would not commit himself to non-payment of the tax.

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Guidelines for judges

Formal sentencing charts to be issued

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Judges are to be issued with ready-reckoner "bench books" giving them sentencing guidelines and other formal guidance charts to steer them "through the thickets" of legislation in reaching decisions in court.

The guidelines, a new move in the training of judges, are to be sent out by the Judicial Studies Board, a committee of judges and laywers under Lord Justice Mustill with responsibility for overseeing judicial training.

The board also wants to bring in video recording equipment which it believes "has real potential" for professional judges' training..

It has asked the Lord Chancellor to consider setting a specified period of time which judges would have to spend in training.

The board plans first to issue "bench books", to "place at the judge's elbow a repertory of guidance in looseleaf form for ready revision", which will "help him to rule quickly and with confidence on issues arising without warning".

At the same time, the board is considering giving judges formal guides to help them arrive at decisions.

So far the use of such guides, described as a "novelty in the United Kingdom", has been confined to magistrates. The board says that although "nobody would suggest that he (a judge) requires or would tolerate guidance from the board" in reaching decisions, judges could benefit from some guidance.

"Some of the legislation which the judge has to apply is extremely complex and is not easy to master even on repeated reading, and we feel that much strain and effort could be saved round the country."

The board, which outlines its proposals in a report published yesterday, says that "great care will be needed to avoid the suggestion that the judges are incapable of working out a solution for themselves, or that their thought processes are being compelled to follow a particular path".

The sentencing guidelines will be those laid down periodically by the Lord Chief Justice.

Judicial Studies Board Report for 1983-87 (Stationery Office; £5.80).

Money men cast shadow over island

By Ronald Faux

A general election took place yesterday in Guernsey and left no visible ripple on the calm surface of the island. There were no political posters and no haranguing from loud hailers (that is not permitted). There was not even a whisper about Labour or Tory, right or left.

The 50 candidates for 32 seats in the States of Deliberation, the island's parliament, have done little more than issue leaflets outlining their views on the future of Guernsey and invite electors to ring up for a chat.

"It is the way things are done here. No one gets terribly excited even though the issues that face Guernsey are very serious. There have been meetings locally where candidates have put their points of view and people do take an interest, but we don't make a fuss about it", one woman said at the polling station in St Peter Port where votes were going into the ballot box at the rate of one a minute.

But behind the calm lies concern about the future of the island which has achieved so much. There is full employment, a thriving economy, independence from Westminster, 20 per cent income tax, and a host of other fiscal advantages. Even so, the problems that come with prosperity have clouded this 25-square-mile wedge of delightful countryside off the Normandy coast.

The finance industry has always been on the island but is now marching across Guernsey at a formidable rate. Many residents fear it is being unhealthily dominated by banks, insurance companies and offshore funds.

Guernsey-based offices are responsible for handling many billions of pounds. The necessary expertise cannot be generated locally. Outside experts have taken up already scarce housing, making life impossible for many young couples.

In spite of a two-tier property system, giving preference to islanders, demands have been made for draconian measures by the next parliament. Some islanders favour much stricter laws on immigration and mandatory controls over companies seeking to move to Guernsey and on expansion by existing companies.

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Doctors demand a law to ban all smoking at work

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The medical profession yesterday called on the Government to introduce legislation urgently to ban smoking at work because of the risk of getting lung cancer through passive smoking.

The British Medical Association said that after the publication of a report from leading scientists supporting a smoking ban at work and other public areas, the Government should act immediately.

"There is no alternative for the Government but to take responsible action — and that means legislation — which will protect the health of the non-smoker and allow people to breathe clean air at work and in public places", the BMA said last night.

The Government-commissioned report from the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health, says that the effects of breathing other people's smoke could cause several hundred of the 40,000 lung cancer deaths in the United Kingdom each year. It says that passive smoking can increase the risk of a non-smoker getting lung cancer by between 10 and 30 per cent.

"Non-smoking should be regarded as the norm in enclosed areas frequented by the public or employees, special provision being made by smokers rather than vice versa."

Improved ventilation or the mixing of smoking and non-smoking areas within the same enclosed space would not provide adequate safeguards against passive smoking, it says.

Announcing the publication of the report yesterday in a written parliamentary reply Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, did not commit the Government to legislation but left the way open for future action.

"The Government accepts the thrust of the report which reflects established policies of voluntary arrangements and we will be considering in that light how the recommendations can best be carried forward", she said.

"Action on some recommendations can be taken relatively quickly, but others will need further discussion and negotiations with interested parties, including the tobacco industry."

The BMA said that talks with the tobacco industry were beside the point. If consultations were needed they should be conducted with organizations such as itself.

The report recommends that lower ceilings should be set for cigarette tar and carbon monoxide yields, and calls for action to persuade more smokers to choose low-tar brands.

The tobacco industry should research ways of reducing the "amount, irritancy and other deleterious properties of sidestream smoke from all tobacco products", it says.

The committee, chaired by Sir Peter Froggatt, also suggests that passive smoking could contribute to childhood respiratory diseases and low birthweight in children born to women exposed to other's smoke during pregnancy.

Previous reports have established a link between smoking and low birthweight but few studies have looked at the relationship with passive smoking.

"In two studies there was 24 grammes difference in birthweight between exposed and unexposed women", the report says. "The magnitude of the association appears to be larger than would be expected."

Action on Smoking and Health, the anti-smoking organization, also called on the Government to back the report with legislation.

"If it says it will not legislate it will risk the same backlash from the medical profession and health organizations as it got from the fire officers before it made a U-turn to ban inflammable foam material from furniture", Mr David Simpson, director of Ash, said.

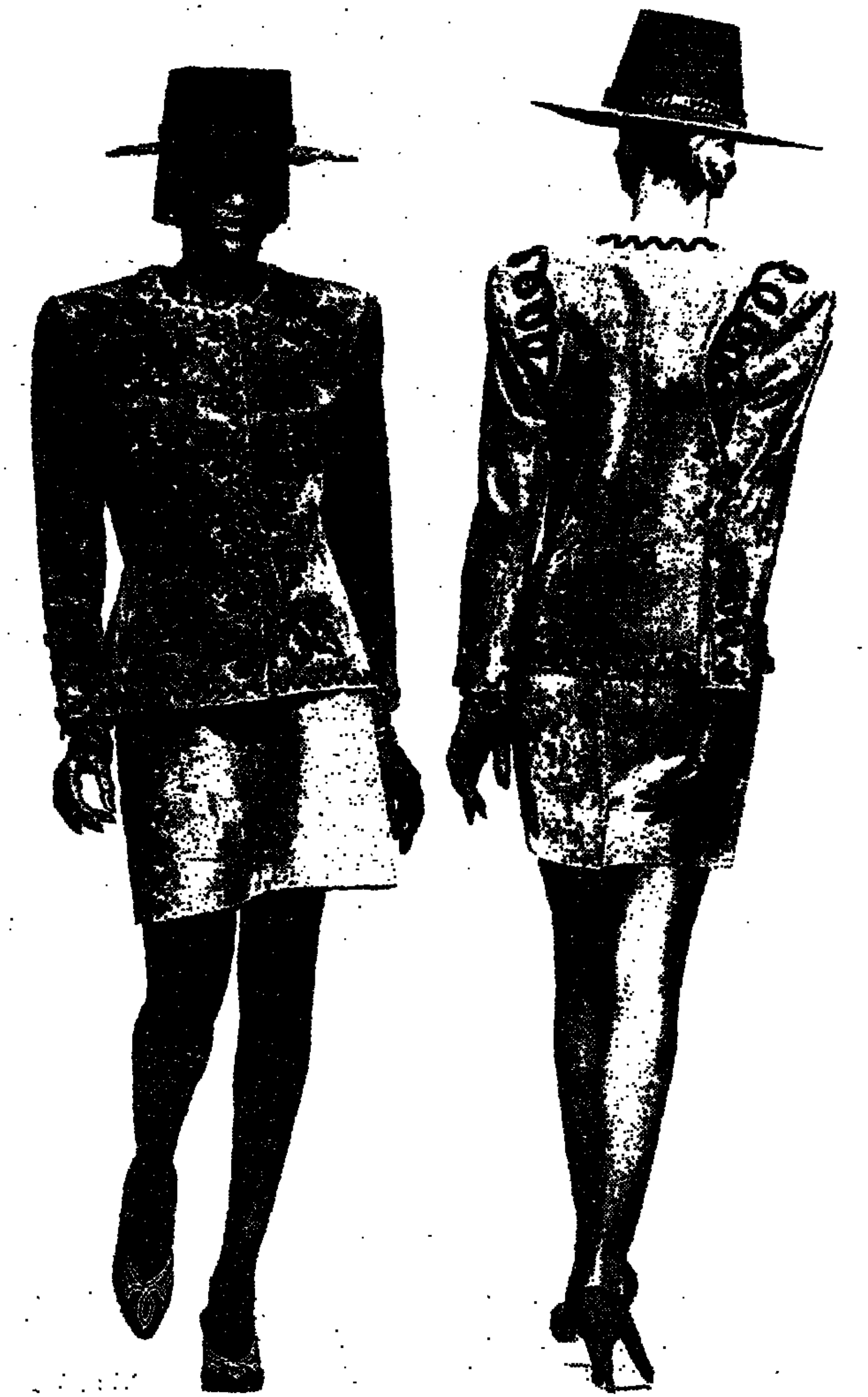
"The report has ended any debate about whether passive smoking is harmful. It is. The vast majority of the public want protection from other people's smoke."

Mr Simpson warned the Government that voluntary measures would not guarantee the health and safety of the public. "This is about health, about life and death, not a preference. Voluntary measures have failed to work in the past 10 years."

Ash has written to all environmental health departments asking them to suggest suitable test cases where an employee could sue an employer under the Health and Safety Act. The Act gives employers a duty to keep the working environment safe.

Mr Simpson said that he expected at least one test case to go before the courts in the next few months.

St Laurent with a new jazz age



Master of taste: elegant St Laurent bead-embroidered suede suits (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By Liz Smith
Fashion Editor
Paris

Yves St Laurent coolly wound up the ready-to-wear shows in Paris yesterday with a statement of elegance that denounced much of what had been seen in the days before as tawdry and confirmed his own position as the tastemaker of the century.

Lacroix's voluptuous and curvy line has recently provided welcome competition, but in the face of such a frisky challenge St Laurent, who has set trends for three decades, roused his audience with a collection the tempo of which was sophisticated and upbeat.

The Cubist theme, launched with his dazzling couture show in January was the warm-up for an explosion of geometry and blocks of colour. It signalled the birth of a new jazz age; St Laurent's new eau de toilette for men, launched yesterday, is called simply Jazz.

From the start, it was clear that he was in control. A steady measured beat of coats and seven-eighths jackets in camel, charcoal and rusty red opened the show.

An occasional percussion clash of scarlet syncopated with pink, or jade with emerald punctuated the rhythm. Suede suits in duskier shades are collarless with edges and seams overlocked with leather stitches.

St Laurent is the designer who has single handedly made the safari jacket, brass buttoned blazer and boiler suit chic classics of twentieth century style. It was he who made traditional men's tailoring smart for women, and established the tuxedo as the alternative to a frothy frock.

The rhythm of the show quickened as his Cubist jackets appeared, bisected first in flannel or velvet with mismatched sleeves, then rising in a crescendo of colourful satin. Pink clashed with purple and turquoise; yellow with scarlet, white and black.

The audience went wild about his new jazz age.

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40 years' marriage celebrated

A tax inspector and a retired newsagent share the daily Portfolio Prize of £4,000.

Mr Kenneth Churchill, aged 68, and his wife Mona, of Craneswater Avenue, Southsea, Portsmouth, celebrate their ruby wedding in two weeks.

He said: "This could not be more fortuitous, we are having a party and the trimmings will be a bit more lavish on the strength of it."

Also sharing the prize is Mr Roger Ferris, aged 39, a tax inspector, of Plymouth, who said he planned to spend some of the money on presents.

Mr Churchill trimmings.

The Times Property Guide

Saturday's full-colour, 16-page Times Property Guide focuses on the value of a good garden, the attractions of the Algarve and the prospects for first-time buyers

Sexual discrimination

University to favour women

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Strathclyde University yesterday became the first in Britain to adopt a policy of positive discrimination in favour of women.

The university senate said: "If legally possible, and wherever appropriate, the university will endeavour to adopt in the implementation of its requirements for entry a policy of positive discrimination in favour of women, mature candidates and candidates from designated areas of social deprivation".

Mr Ronald Crawford, the academic registrar, said the decision meant women would be offered places in preference to men of equal ability on courses where they were traditionally under-represented.

The statement was criticized by the Home Office, which said positive discrimination was illegal. An official said: "The Sex Discrimination Act permits positive action — that is, steps falling short of discrimination — in the provision of training for minorities".

The official added that "training" meant the kind of vocational training offered by the Manpower Services Commission and the Training Services Agency to "equip people equally to do a job".

Mr Crawford, who emphasized that Strathclyde would "stick by the letter of the law", said the Treaty of Rome included universities in its definition of "training bodies for vocational courses".

The Equal Opportunites Commission welcomed the university's statement. An official said the Sex Discrimination Act allowed positive action to encourage women.

Strathclyde, which has 6,000 full-time undergraduates, 61 per cent of whom are men, said it was committed to widening access. Mr Crawford said it was trying to make its first-year courses easier. "We think they are too demanding for mature students and those with non-standard entry qualifications."

● British universities are declining into worthless mediocrity, a report by the Institute of Economic Affairs, a right-wing think-tank says.

Dr Oliver Letwin, a former member of the Prime Minister's policy unit, calls for the abolition of the University Grants Committee, the body which distributes £3 billion a year, and suggests that students should be given annual vouchers worth £3,000 to "spend" on fees at the university of their choice.

Professor Patrick Minford, professor of economics at Liverpool University, argues that the "higher education crisis" could be solved by allowing universities and polytechnics to recruit home students who were prepared to pay the same full-cost fees as foreign students.

Higher Education: Freedom and Finance (IEA Education Unit, 2 Lord North Street, London SW1P 3LB; £2.50).

Travel and fitness a woman's aims

By David Cross

Women in Britain want to spend their money on travel and on their health and fitness. They are less likely to spend it on home improvements or glamorous clothes and cosmetics.

Their ideal would be the warmth and approachability of Felicity Kendal the actress. Other popular role models are the Duchess of York, the actresses Joan Collins and Glenda Jackson, and Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Although most women are quite happy with their gender, one in six is fed up with living in a man's world. Only a handful believe that the most important change in their life would be a better relationship with their partner.

Men are, however, doing their best to help in the house, according to a survey published today by Mintel, a leading market research firm. Almost half the women in the poll say their partners give a hand with domestic chores.

The survey was carried out last year on more than 1,000 women. It is included in a 160-page report, which analyses women's lifestyles in the 1980s and their aspirations for the year 2000.

The report shows that while the general health of the nation is improving, women are increasingly dying from traditionally male diseases. More women drink and smoke.

Women are also much more likely to need psychiatric help. Between 12 and 17 per cent of them suffer from clinical depression at some time

The report shows that the number of women entering the professions has doubled since the beginning of the decade. As many women as men are being articled to solicitors, entering advertising and studying medicine although their prospects of advancement remain slim.

Women 2000 — Special Report (Mintel, KAE House, 7 Arundel St, London WC2R 3DR; £550).

Composers on the dole

Music sponsored by DHSS

By Andrew Billen

When the London Sinfonietta plays the opening bars of *Era Madrugada*, a work for wind and string quintets, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight no one will be prouder than Simon Holt, one of Britain's leading young composers.

At the age of 30, Mr Holt has become a familiar figure on London's music scene since the Sinfonietta first commissioned a work from him six years ago.

But what the audience on London's South Bank will not know is that Mr Holt is also a familiar figure at the Department of Health and Social Security offices in Balham, south London, where he collects £60.80 a fortnight and £53 a week for the rent of his basement flat.

The plight of well-known composers living close to the breadline is being highlighted as part of a campaign for a blank tape levy mounted by the Performing Rights Society to compensate musicians for the home taping of their work.

The society claims the levy, which would raise about £7 million a year, is desperately needed because more than 90 per cent of composers on its register earn less than £5,000 a year from royalties.

"A levy is not about making them rich; it is about whether they eat on Thursdays", Mr Michael Freegard, the society's chief executive, said.

Mr Holt knows all about the battle to make sure he can eat on Thursdays. His first work for the Sinfonietta, *Kites*, took him nine months to write and, although critically acclaimed, earned him just £400. His next two commissions earned him £375 and £675. He was paid £1,200 by the Arts Council for his turbulent *Ballad of the Black Sorrow*, chosen for the Sinfonietta's twentieth birthday concert in January, but it took him four months to write. *Syren Song*, which received its première at last summer's Proms, earned him £2,500, but again took four months.

He doubts whether he has earned £10,000 from his music since turning professional in 1982.

"Music needs total concentration. I am either thinking about a piece or writing it the whole time. Towards the end I am working at three in the morning. You cannot work at that intensity if you have a day job like teaching", Mr Holt says.

Unfortunately, there is a reluctance by orchestras to play a new work that has already been played somewhere else and it can take years before a piece is heard again.

Meanwhile, Mr Holt was tempted to frame his last royalty cheque from the Performing Rights Society. It amounted to 7p, and in a rare fit of pique he tore it up.

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Labour's 'Ford silence' brings Tory onslaught

The Leader of the Opposition's silence, and the refusal of Labour to criticize the T & G over the proposed Ford plant at Dundee, disgraced any claims they made about having the Scottish economy's interest at heart, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Commons questions.

Mr Alex Eadie (Midlothian, Lab) said that there was concern in Scotland at the role the Secretary of State had in furthering the economy. Why did Mr Rifkind constantly denigrate the situation in Dundee? Why was he always destructive rather than constructive?

Had he had further talks with Ford and did he plan any future talks with the company?

The Scottish people did not trust Mr Rifkind because of his attitude in relation to the proposed murder of the Scottish deep mining industry which would lose tens of thousands of jobs.

Mr Rifkind: Having taken part in the negotiations which led to the decision by Ford to come to Dundee in the first place, I do not think I need any lectures from him about my interests in this matter.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) asked which was more surprising: the intransigence of the TUC or the shameful silence by the eight members of the Labour Party who were sponsored by the T & G?

Mr Rifkind said that the failure of the Leader of the Opposition and those members sponsored by the T & G to make their position known had done a great disservice to the interests of the Scottish economy.

The TUC had that morning ratified by a significantly larger majority, the 11-10 decision taken by one of their committees, to accept a single-union approach at Dundee.

"That is an important step in the right direction. It is, however, unfortunate that we appear to be in a situation where the T & G maintain their opposition to that proposal in the vote which took place today.

"I think it is important that we should obtain some qualification from the T & G as to whether in the light of the vote that took place today, they now accept the policy of the TUC."

Mr John McAllion (Dundee East, Lab) said that he was glad to hear that the Government had left a chink of light open that it might intervene in support of Dundee's unemployed workers.

On Tuesday the Ford workers at Dagenham, widely regarded as the most militant within the Ford network in Britain, had decided not to black any components if, and only if, the plant was located in Dundee.

Mr Rifkind said that any evidence that the T & G was being brought into the twentieth century was to be welcomed and if Mr Todd was able to repeat the views expressed at Dagenham that too would make an important contribution.

"I think the Opposition would appreciate that I have to use my best judgement as to whether, and in what way, Ford should be asked to reconsider their decision."

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The TUC had now endorsed the agreement originally reached with Ford, but it remained the case that the T & G, the main union that had alone been an obstacle to progress, had not changed its mind about the position in one significant way.

The House had to wait and hear what the union's decision would be.

He said that Mr Neil Kinnock should support the views now endorsed by the TUC and the Government.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that this was one of the most miserable moments in trade union and Labour Party history. Had there been any word from the T & G about their present position?

Mr Rifkind said that he had had no such indication either from the TUC or from the union. The damage the union had done was totally unnecessary, resulting from its extraordinarily primitive attitude.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that Mr Gavin Laird, president of the AEU, had said on television that morning that what had happend at the TUC meeting had been a breakthrough. He had been confident that the agreement would hold.

"Is it not the height of irresponsibility for anyone, let alone a government minister, to give the impression that he does not believe that is the position? That is tantamount to encouraging Ford to lock and bar the door which everyone wants to see open."

Mr Rifkind said that he had given more public support to Mr Laird than either Mr Dewar or the Leader of the Opposition. He had already given a welcome to the decision of the TUC; he only wished it had been taken five months earlier.

Later, **Mr David Steel,** joint leader of the SLD, said that he hoped that Mr Rifkind would pay a deserved tribute to the Scottish TUC for the efforts they had made to try to bring their bretheren south of the border into line on this issue.

Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab) said that Mr Rifkind was apparently prepared to do nothing to protect jobs at Dundee (Conservative protests). He had inadvertently misled the House by saying that the negotiations now taking place were somehow the result of his intervention.

Mr Rifkind replied that he had indicated last week his willingness to make representations to Ford if and when such representations would be appropriate — (Labour cries of "Now") — and had some prospect of producing the desired result.

● **Mr Nicholas Fairbairn** (Perth and Kinross, C) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the issue.

There was no MP who did not pray that Ford might reverse its decision to bring the development to Dundee. "We are in prospect of a cataclysmic catastrophe in the loss, not of an out-of-date industry but of the industry of the future."

Mr Rifkind, who welcomed the TUC decision, but wished it had come five months earlier

Scottish Office down by 19%

The number of Scottish Office staff has fallen by 19 per cent since 1979 while local authority staff had fallen only slightly, **Lord James Douglas-Hamilton,** Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said at question time.

He told Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) that the number of full-time equivalent staff employed by Scottish local authorities had fallen from 253,000 on March 31, 1979, to 247,000 in 1987.

Mr Hamilton described the figures as a "disappointment". In many local authorities, especially Labour-controlled ones, the number employed had risen.

Aids cases rise to 1,344

The total number of reported cases of Aids in the United Kingdom at the end of February was 1,344, **Mr Tony Newton,** Minister of Health, said in a written Commons reply.

He said that at the end of December 1987, there were 8,016 reported HIV antibody-positive people, but the true number infected was likely to be considerably greater.

"Consideration of the risk behaviour groups of people reported as antibody positive shows that the great majority are male homosexuals or bisexuals, or injecting drug misusers, but in about 5 per cent of the cases the infection is thought to have been acquired heterosexually."

Cornish tin debate denied

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, SLD) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the sale by Rio Tinto Zinc, with Government backing, of its Cornish tin mining interests, resuling in 200 redundancies.

He said that there had been an agreement in 1986 that jobs and investment would be maiantained in a five-year programme.

The sale was said to be a management and worker buyout, but workers would have access to only a fifth of the shares, which would be held in a trust and not freely available to them anyway.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said he regretted that the matter was not appropriate for discussion under the emergency procedure.

Torture move

The Government is to introduce amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, now before Parliament, to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the United Nations Convention against Torture later this year, **Mr Timothy Eggar,** Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, said in a written reply.

Diabetic help

Blood-glucose testing strips will be available on prescription from general practitioners free to insulin-dependent diabetics from June 1, **Lord Skelmersdale,** Under Secretary of State for Social Services, said during questions in the House of Lords.

Output is up

Manufacturing output in Scotland in the second quarter of 1987 was 5 per cent up on a year earlier, **Mr Ian Lang,** Minister of State, Scottish Office, said in a written reply. Surveys pointed to a further strong rise in the second half of 1987.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Education Reform Bill, report, third day. **Lords (3):** Regional Development Grants (Termination) Bill, second reading. Hampstead Radio Station Bill, second reading.

Help for special-needs pupils

The following report of the Commons debate on the first day of the report stage of the Education Reform Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

There was approval from MPs of all sides for a package of proposals to exclude schoolchildren with special educational needs from the provisions of the Bill's national curriculum.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, moved a clause, taken with other amendments, to the Bill at the start of the report stage.

He said that the Government was concerned about children who were physically or mentally handicapped. There was a growing tendency to educate in ordinary schools children who had previously been taught in special schools.

A child in a junior school of 400 pupils had access to a wider range of curricular opportunities than they might have in a special school with 150 pupils or fewer. To get the full benefit of a junior school, a child needed to be supported by special services.

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Mr Baker then turned to another new clause under which head teachers could exempt individual pupils from the national curriculum for six months. It gave parents the right to appeal to governing bodies should a direction be given contrary to their wishes.

He said that that gave the right degree of flexibility while guaranteeing that pupils with behavioural problems or with temporary needs, such as taking a "crash course" in English as a second language, could not be denied the benefits of the national curriculum for too long.

The new clause and amendments were agreed.

Mr Derek Fatchett, an Opposition spokesman on education, moved a clause under which the Secretary of State could require local authorities to provide educational maintenance allowances for pupils aged 16 to 19.

He said that the aim was to make it possible for all youngsters to stay in education and, effectively, to raise the school-leaving age to 18, without making it compulsory.

That new clause was withdrawn, but another Opposition new clause requiring the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament a report on education and training for 16 to 19-year-olds within six months of Royal Assent of the Act was rejected by 271 votes to 205 — Government majority, 66.

Mrs Ann Clwyd, an Opposition spokesman on education, moved a new clause to put a duty on local education authorities to provide nursery education for children under school age whose parents desired it.

Mr Robert Dunn, Under Secretary of State for Education, said that it would be misconceived to impose a duty on education authorities to provide pre-school education.

The amendment was rejected by 261 votes to 204 — Government majority, 57.

Mr Norman Hogg, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, moved a new clause to establish a Scottish subcommittee of the University Funding Council.

Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that higher education in Britain was national and not territorial or regional. That was also the view of many Scottish universities.

If there was to be a national approach and a national planning framework for higher education, the same principles of public funding must apply to all institutions in the system.

The new clause was rejected by 265 votes to 209 — Government majority, 56.

Ministers 'have deliberately provoked crisis in NHS'

Lord Ennals, the former Secretary of State for Social Services, accused the Government of deliberately precipitating a crisis in the National Health Service to enable it to carry out a root-and-branch reorganization of its structure and financing.

He was initiating a debate on the NHS in the House of Lords in which peers agreed that more funds were needed, but differed on where they should come from.

During the debate **Lord Skelmersdale,** Under Secretary of State for Social Services, announced an extra £15 million for health authorities in London and the North-west to meet short-term costs of planned changes in the health service. Most would go to inner cities and it would ensure that acute services in London were maintained.

He also announced an allocation to regional health authorities of a further 55 consultant posts.

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Lord Ennals (Lab) said that he was making a plea to the Government for a generous fortieth birthday present to the NHS. Every day new evidence emerged of the malaise.

"Ministers really are deluding themselves if they think that those nurses who have been demonstrating up and down the country have been concerned just with their own pay. It is not so. They are concerned with the future of the NHS.

Lord Skelmersdale said that the NHS was better funded with more trained staff than at any time in its history.

Next year it would cost about £21.5 billion — an increase of more than £1 billion on this year's allocation alone.

"Even on current plans, every family in the land will pay some £31 a week towards it. Hardly peanuts, my Lords!

"Let me state and state categorically that the fundamental principle of the health service is not in question. Access to medical care should not be dependent on the ability to pay. Nor has it been since 1948, nor is it now, nor will it be in the future."

In his maiden speech the **Bishop of Guildford,** Dr Michael Adie, recalled being "scooped up" off the pavement in London and taken to a teaching hospital recently where they could not provide him with a pair of pyjamas even though he was admitted to a mixed ward.

Whatever the future of the NHS, its comprehensiveness of health care was an asset to be maintained.

Dates of birth are to stay in community charge register

A call for people's dates of birth to be left out of the community charge register was rejected by **Mr Ian Lang,** Minister of State, Scottish Office, during questions. He said that the dates would be included to help registration officers in establishing clearly the community charge liability of individuals.

Mrs Maria Fyfe (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab), who made the request, said that in Scotland there was to be a "national identity number" composed of a name and date of birth, but that would not be so in England. What would Mr Lang say to Scottish people who sent back registration forms, saying that they did not understand this imposition?

Mr Lang said that dates of birth did not lead to a national registration process, although they might be used by local authorities to help to identify individuals.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that the entire Act should be scrapped. A recent MORI poll found that 75 per cent of Scots opposed the poll tax, including 40 per cent of Tory supporters.

Mr Lang said he would have had more respect for such comments had Labour come forward with alternative proposals for raising local government finance.

Mr James Maxton, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that the Statutory Instruments Committee had said that that part of the Instrument laid before the House was illegal.

Mr Lang said that the comments of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments referred to minor and technical matters and did not undermine the validity of the regulations.

Abortion measure starts committee stage

Alton Bill overcomes first obstacle

By John Winder

Mr David Alton's abortion Bill overcame an important obstacle in the Commons yesterday when the committee charged with considering it agreed by a majority of one to devote three days a week to the task.

The Abortion (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by the SLD MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill, would reduce from 28 weeks the stage at which abortions, in general, could no longer be carried out.

At the first session of the standing committee on the Bill, its opponents advanced a wide variety of reasons, including a veritable kaleidoscope of previous engagements, for sitting only on Wednesdays, as is the case with most private members' Bills.

However, the committee rejected, by nine votes to eight, amendments to sit only on Wednesday or only in the mornings, and carried by nine votes to eight the proposition for a full three-day attack on the details of the Bill.

The committee has 18 MPs, plus the chairman, Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C). It divided into an unfamiliar pattern, with some Conservative MPs joining Labour on the opposition side against the Bill, facing Mr Alton and his supporters.

The whole of the first day was given over to debate on the question of when the committee will sit. Mr Alton moved that the committee should sit on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays at 10.30am and 4.30pm. That could lead to all-night sittings, but Mr Alton promised that he had no intention that that should happen.

Miss Jo Richardson (Barking, Lab), who is leading the opposition to the Bill, moved an amendment that it should be considered only on Wednesdays, disclosing that if her amendment failed and she had to attend the Thursday sitting, it would mean her missing the weekly meeting of the Labour Party national executive for the first time since her election in 1979.

Miss Jo Richardson: May miss engagements

She congratulated Mr Alton on his recent engagement, wished him a happy engagement, marriage and "lots of happy healthy children", but suggested that these might be better enhanced by not having long sittings on the Bill.

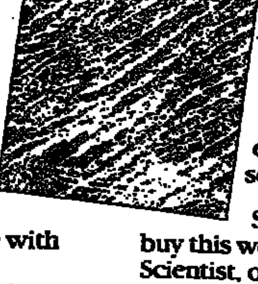
The old animosities about dirty tricks alleged to have been used by the proponents of the Bill surfaced several times and Dr Lewis Moonie (Kirkcaldy, Lab) said that he had found objectionable the tactics of the Bill's supporters in resorting to prayer and fasting.

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billericay, C) said that opponents of the Bill had been subjected to pressure in their constituencies.

Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone, C), a supporter of the Bill, wondered how prayer could be a dirty trick.

Mrs Joan Ruddock (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab), thought that her constituents, coping with the Government-caused problems of the inner cities, might feel prayer an inappropriate weapon, but that those who believed in the power of prayer clearly did not need to inform the person who was the object of that prayer to make it effective.

Given the small proportion of women MPs in the House, the committee has a large number of women — eight — among the eighteen members. They include Mrs Edwina Currie.



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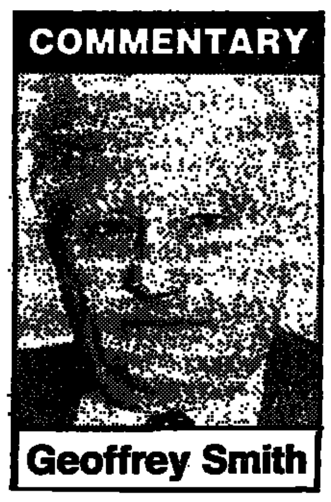

Geoffrey Smith

How long will Mr Nigel Lawson stay on as Chancellor? This is the most popular political guessing game around at the moment. But much more is involved than that.

Every time the argument between him and the Prime Minister over exchange rate policy is stirred up again, as it was this week by Lord Young of Graffham's comments, there is anxiety in Conservative ranks. Senior Conservative MPs are more disturbed than may be generally appreciated.

But the effect of this fracas will be more lasting. If Mr Lawson goes before the next Budget it will now be taken as a reflection on Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

Had this dispute never blown up, his possible departure would have been seen in quite a different light. The loss of a successful Chancellor would have been regretted. But it would have seemed understandable that he wanted to make a bit of money for his family, and it would not have implied a political crisis.

This explanation will no longer carry conviction, however, if he leaves the Government later this year. It would be assumed that he had either been forced out or had found Mrs Thatcher just too much to put up with. Whatever gushing tributes they paid each other would not be believed.

It would also force a major Cabinet reshuffle that Mrs Thatcher would otherwise probably prefer to leave for a year. She has an instinctive and thoroughly healthy reluctance to keep moving her ministers around.

That can sometimes provide an illusion of dynamic leadership, but it never allows them to get on top of their jobs and is in fact a prescription for Civil Service control. The officials are then the only ones who really understand the work.

But Mrs Thatcher would presumably not want to keep the same ministers running all the three major departments — the Treasury, the Foreign Office and the Home Office — throughout this Parliament. That would mean going into a 1991 election with all the faces at the top unchanged since 1985, and with the same Foreign Secretary and Chancellor since 1983.

That would give an impression not just of continuity, but of immobilism. Nothing would be more likely to provoke the cry of "time for a change".

But there is no sign that either Sir Geoffrey Howe or Mr Douglas Hurd is in any hurry to move, and to shift either of them this year against his will would seem premature and ungrateful.

The key person in this jigsaw is Sir Geoffrey. Mr Hurd might be sent to the Foreign Office. For Sir Geoffrey only the elder statesman's mantle is waiting, unless Mrs Thatcher herself were to retire within the next couple of years.

It had always been assumed until recently that he would in due course become Lord Chancellor if he was unable to compete for the premiership. But that assumption can no longer be made now that Lord Mackay of Clashfern has settled in so well on the Woolsack.

If Mr Lawson were to insist on moving from the Treasury this year there would surely be no vacancy at the Foreign Office. There would presumably be no alternative but to allow him to leave the Government. But that would at least open up space at the top. It would increase the chances of Sir Geoffrey remaining Foreign Secretary for quite a while longer.

If, however, Mr Lawson were to stay at the Treasury for another year his claims to the Foreign Office would be much stronger. All the more so if Mrs Thatcher were to drop a hint, or more, in the hope of keeping him at his post in the meantime.

Mrs Thatcher might still hesitate to move Sir Geoffrey against his wishes. She owes him a great deal, he is widely respected as Foreign Secretary, he is tenacious and is one of the wisest political strategists.

If he never becomes Prime Minister, he would seem cut out for the role of Conservative elder statesman at some stage. But he is obviously reluctant to allow that stage to come too soon. He clearly does not yet want to drop out of the front line and thereby give up his chance of succeeding Mrs Thatcher.

Yet by the autumn of 1989 she may well want to give herself some room for manoeuvre at the top of the Cabinet. It will be at least half way through the Parliament, which is far enough from the last election to allow senior ministers to be moved on with dignity and far enough from the next election to give their successors time to run in.

How that room is created, either this year or next, may be critically influenced by Mr Lawson's relationship with Mrs Thatcher. Whether he goes, and how soon he goes, will have a lasting effect on her third Administration.

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Stalker rebuked by police chiefs over claims in memoirs

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mr John Stalker, former deputy head of Greater Manchester police, was publicly rebuked yesterday by the Association of Chief Police Officers for allegedly breaching police confidentiality and investigation rules by publishing his memoirs last month.

The association, which normally avoids open criticism of its members, issued an unprecedented statement implicitly criticizing Mr Stalker, rejecting allegations in his book, and defending senior officers, including three chief constables.

It also expressed "major concern" that Mr Stalker had allegedly confided in a Manchester journalist as he carried out his investigation into an alleged "shoot-to-kill" policy operated by the Royal Ulster Constabulary against the IRA.

It assured the public that the police continued to place importance on the need for its investigations to be surrounded by confidentiality, and said the association was supported by the leadership of all other ranks in the police.

The statement was issued by Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and president of the association, after discussion within the top level of the organization, which covers more than 200 officers at the rank of assistant chief constable and above.

Mr Birch said in the statement that in May 1986 the association wrote to each member giving advice on memoirs. The letter reflected an agreement in principle that nothing should be published which was prejudicial to police operations or [illegible] security [illegible] ing to [illegible] views [illegible]

[illegible] which they refute.

"A matter of major concern to the association is the reported disclosure by Mr Stalker to the editor of the *Manchester Evening News*, of confidential information gathered during the course of his official inquiry.

"In the interests of maintaining public confidence it is a matter of considerable importance to members of my association that the confidentiality of public inquiries should always be upheld."

Mr Stalker's book criticized three chief constables and a number of more junior members of the association.

Mr Stalker: His book criticizes other officers

[illegible] Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, has already brought responses from Sir John and his force. Mr Stalker also queried the way Mr Colin Sampson, chief constable of West Yorkshire, and his men investigated allegations made against him, and the support he received from Mr James Anderton, his own chief constable, who is one of the three officials who run the association.

After issuing the statement, Mr Birch denied that it was simply a defence of senior officers attacked by Mr Stalker, saying that the Police Superintendents' Association and the Police Federation both supported the statement.

Mr Stalker, who said in his biography that he was pleased to have been asked to remain a member of the association after his retirement last year, said yesterday: "I breached no guidelines nor, as I have repeatedly said, did I disclose sensitive information whilst I was conducting the RUC investigation.

"A formal complaint was immediately lodged at the time with the newspaper concerned on behalf of myself and others mentioned in it.

"My book paints an honest, but less than favourable picture of one or two of my former colleagues and I know that the association will have been under pressure to issue a rebuke of some sort to me."

Mr Birch said Mr Stalker could be expelled from the association, but no such motion had been put before the executive.

Music bewitches the wolf pack

Thomas Randle, the American opera singer who makes his London debut as Tamino in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Coliseum next week, bewitching the wolves (Karen Halliday, Sylvie Byrne, Jocelyn Bowlan, Sue Stevens, Barbara Rhodes and Mary Ann Kraus) during rehearsals for the opera at the theatre yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Countess fined after refusing breath test

A policeman had to call for reinforcements after a struggle with the Countess of Mount Edgcumbe, magistrates at Liskeard, Cornwall, were told yesterday.

Lady Mount Edgcumbe, aged 46, was allegedly seen "crawling" to her car at 11.40pm by a friend of the licensee of the Edgcumbe Arms. He invited her back into the public house for coffee and a lift home. She refused.

PC Alan Pennington, aged 29, found the defendant sitting in the driver's seat holding the car keys.

"It was clear she had been drinking," Mr David Gittins, for the prosecution, said. "She refused to give a breath test and became somewhat violent and PC Pennington had to radio for help."

Lady Mount Edgcumbe said in court that she had gone to the car to get cigarettes and had no intention of driving.

She was found guilty of one charge of failing to give two breath tests, was fined £150 with £25 costs and received 10 penalty points.

Test showed Tube fire could have been arson

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A test conducted to demonstrate that the King's Cross fire could have been started deliberately had shown that grease on escalator tracks could be ignited in three seconds.

The inquiry into the disaster was told yesterday that an unauthorized person could easily have gained access to the underside of the escalator where the fire broke out.

Two weeks ago, three witnesses told the inquiry they had seen an unidentified man in blue overalls near a trap door leading under the Piccadilly Line escalators shortly before the fire was discovered.

London Regional Transport has insisted that the possibility of arson must be fully explored.

On the second day of the inquiry, eight weeks ago, Mr Lionel Read, QC, for London Regional Transport, said there was concern that an arsonist might be abroad with a predilection for starting fires on the Underground.

The trial to simulate the start of the fire was carried out by London Regional Transport at Green Park Underground station in February, three months after the fire.

Green Park was selected because its three wooden escalators resembled those on which the fire had occurred at King's Cross.

Mr Gabriel Izienicki, a lift and escalator maintenance manager, described how he had demonstrated that access could be gained to the escalator's lower machine chamber through a hatch and by descending a metal ladder.

He had introduced unlit balls of paper into the moving escalator tracks and under the skirting beside the treads. He had also inserted a burning taper into grease, which was between 2mm and 6mm deep on the tracks of an escalator which was stationary.

Reading from a statement by Mr Izienicki, Mr Read said: "The lighted taper was only in contact with the grease for about three seconds".

"That was enough to set it alight, was it?" Mr Read asked.

"Yes", Mr Izienicki responded.

He believed that the trial had adequately demonstrated that it could be done by an individual without any specialized knowledge of escalators.

The inquiry continues today.

A surprise among the Scandinavians

SALEROOM

by Huon Mallalieu

Although it is only in the past few years that the London art world has taken up nineteenth and early twentieth century Scandinavian painters other than Munch and Zorn, the taste is soundly enough established to react as older markets do in uncertain financial times. The best sells very well, often going to private collectors rather than the trade, while lesser works are scrutinized rigorously and often passed by.

However, in a sale of continental paintings at Sotheby's yesterday which began with a large Scandinavian section, there was at least one surprise. This was an uncompromisingly painted still life of roses and honeysuckles in a basket, dated 1842, by the Dane, Johan Laurentz Jensen. It sold for £220,000 against a reasonable ceiling estimate of between £15,000 and £20,000.

The top price was paid for a composition of two naked girls in a wood, dated 1908, by Anders Zorn, which made £495,000 (estimate £350,000 to £500,000). An anonymous private buyer paid £236,500 and £231,000 for two water colours by another popular Swedish artist, Carl Larsson, of his studio (estimate £150,000 to £200,000 each).

An [illegible] of the emphasis on quality, rather than just names, was the £[illegible] paid by a dealer for a strong symbolist work "By The Open Door", *circa* 1908, by the Norwegian, Nikolai Astrup, while his much slighter landscape, "By Lake Jølster", failed to find a buyer at £5,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000). The most expensive work by a non-Scandinavian was a standard watery green Corot, "Presqu'île Boisée" which sold for £154,000 (estimate £120,000 to £180,000).

About one third of this sale was bought in, and this was also true of a sale of Chinese snuff bottles at Sotheby's, where the top price was £12,100 for a rare black jade Suzhou bottle dating from between 1780 and 1850 (estimate £12,000 to £16,000).

In a sale of toys at Phillips, Mickey Mouse triumphed yet again when a Linemar tinplate toy, Mickey the Magician, sold to an American collector for £1,210 against an estimate of between £40 and £60.

Qualified parents set pattern for children

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Highly qualified parents tend to have children who also become highly qualified, according to a new form of analysis of data from the 1971 and 1981 censuses.

Camparison between two sets of information about half a million people in England and Wales shows that fewer than 10 per cent of children of unqualified parents attained higher qualifications by 1981.

But 35 per cent of persons aged 8-25 in 1971, whose parents both had higher qualifications at that time, had also obtained qualifications by 1981.

Where only one parent had a higher qualification in 1971, the proportion of successful children fell to 26 per cent.

The census comparisons, which provide new information on changes in the population, were published yesterday by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

One third of persons recorded as divorced in 1971 were remarried at the time of the 1981 census. For those aged between 25 and 34 in 1971, almost 60 per cent were remarried in 1981.

Just over half the sample had changed address during the 10 year period, although most had moved a relatively short distance. Only 10 per cent had moved to a different region.

The report shows that the private rented unfurnished sector shrank by more than a third.

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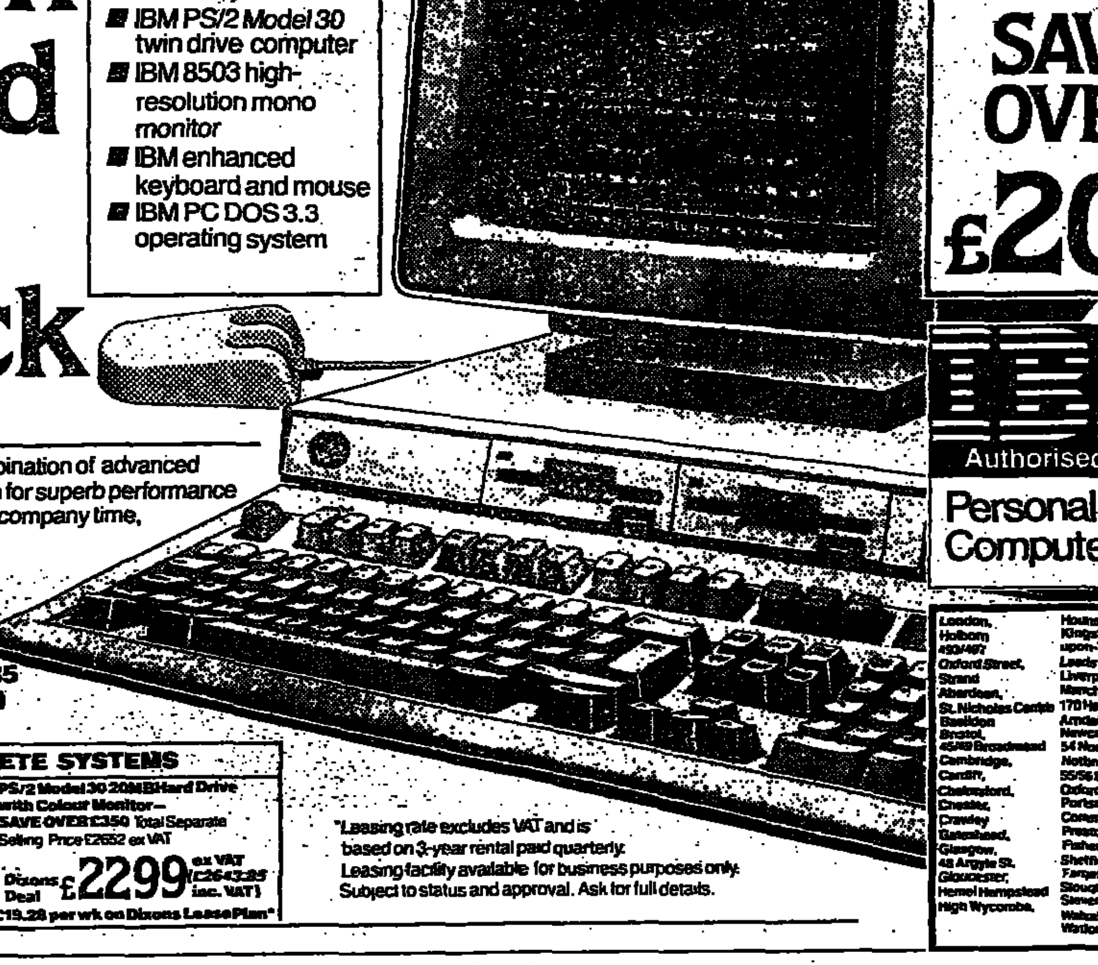

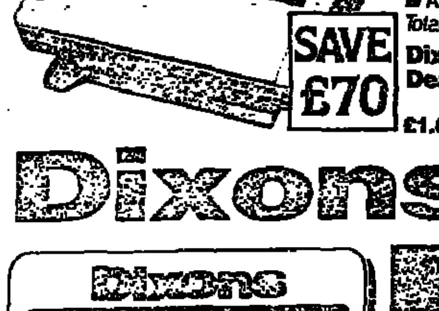

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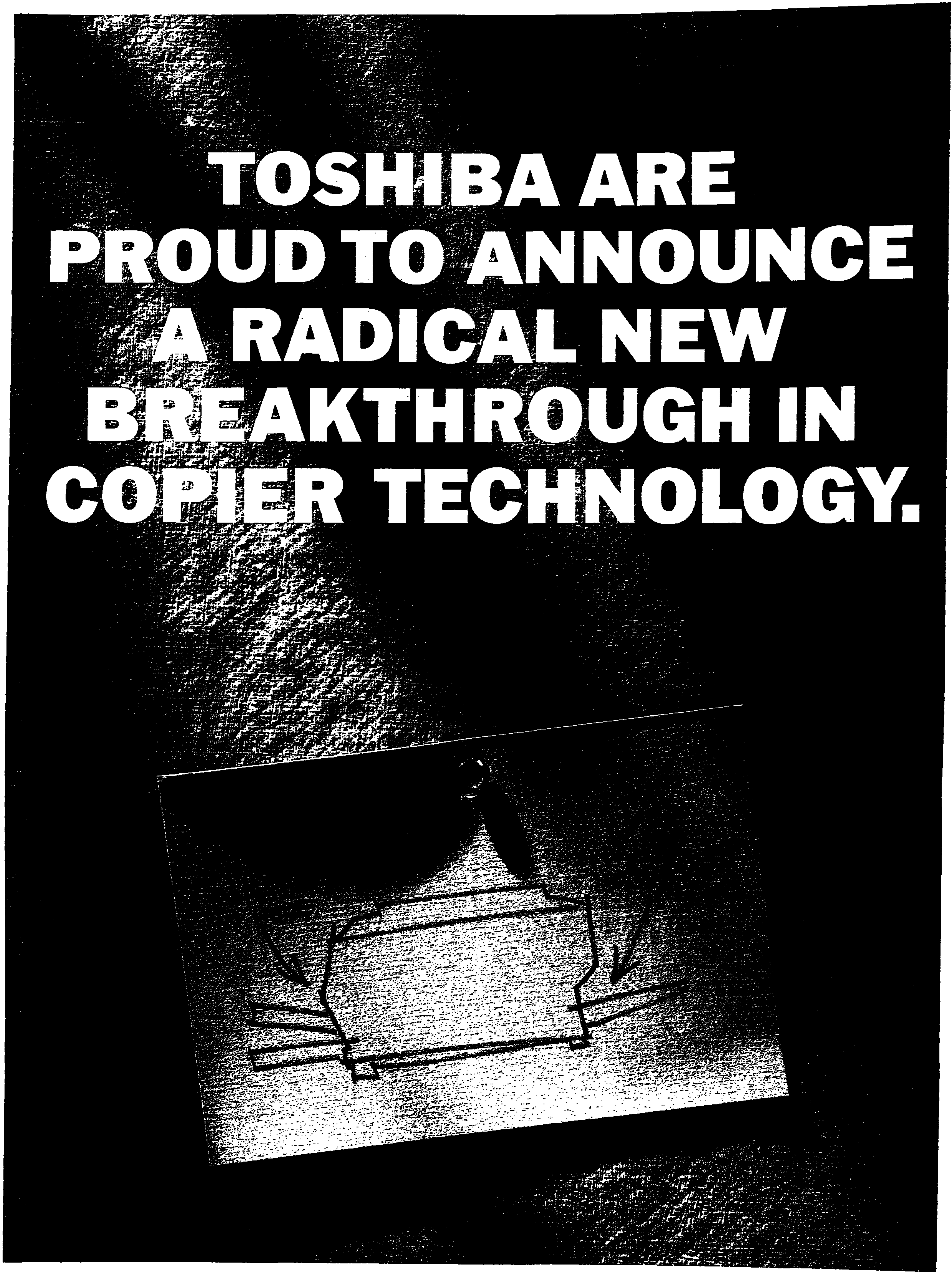
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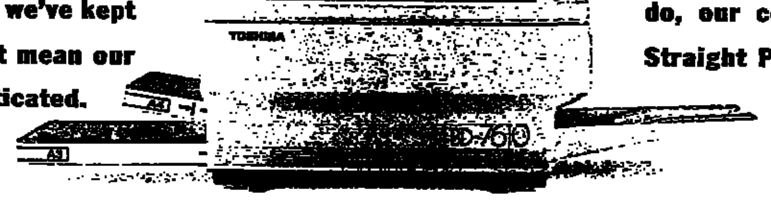

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Judge's plea on property rights for 'gay' couples

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Homosexual couples in a stable relationship should be granted the same property rights as unmarried heterosexual couples, a High Court judge said last night.

Mrs Justice Booth, one of only four women High Court judges, said: "I would find it very difficult to apply different principles to the homosexual couple who have been a stable union for some time and have acquired property within that union, to the unmarried couple in the same situation".

Where children were concerned, unmarried couples were not discriminated against in the courts, the judge said. "We apply precisely the same principles in determining the future of children of married couples as those of unmarried couples."

The main difference with unmarried couples was in property rights; courts do not have the wide jurisdiction that they have where couples are married to adjust property and to make settlements or order lump sums.

Mrs Justice Booth, who was being interviewed by the journalist, Hugo Young, as part of a Radio 4 series, *The Judges*, said where homosexuals were concerned, they should be treated the same as other unmarried couples.

The question of a homosexual couple and property rights had not yet come before the courts.

'But I cannot see any reason why a homosexual couple should not be treated in respect of property rights in precisely the same way as an unmarried couple of the opposite sex."

Mrs Justice Booth also said how hard it was to tell a parent that he or she could no longer see their own children. But this had sometimes to be done because a mother, perhaps through no fault of her own, might be unable to provide the children with "the stability and security they need".

"To tell a woman who has tried that she can't see her children again, that is very difficult."

It could also arise with a father and that was equally hard, the judge said. If the mother was unable to contemplate access between the children and the father, and the father could not offer them a home, it might be "at the end of the day it is better, from the children's point of view, not to force the issue of access".

"The father may have done nothing to deserve that outcome, but it may be necessary to tell him that he can't see his children, at any rate for a time. That's very difficult."

The judge also said that care proceedings for children were a "total mess". There were so many statutes dealing with children and matrimonial proceedings that the law was a "total jumble" and "very confusing" and required looking at as a matter of priority. The Lord Chancellor has already made clear that he favours looking at the law on families and children first, and then moving to the court structures and a possible family court.

But the judge said she did not think children should be involved in court proceedings or to see their parents in court. "To know that they were the subject matters of dispute could only be traumatic for them", she said.

"Also I do think that there's a great danger in letting children think that they may be determining the judgement of the court and that they are responsible for deciding with which parent they should live or whether they should see a parent or not."

Suicide 'was for plight of the unemployed'

The unemployed man whose burnt body was found in the charred remains of his car by the entrance to Downing Street was not the only man man to kill himself because of the Government's unemployment policy, his brother told an inquest yesterday.

The hearing at Westminster, central London, recorded that Derek Bainbridge, aged 40, of Syme Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, killed himself.

Although he was too badly burnt to be recognized Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, decided that a note stating "Too young to retire, too old to live", found at the dead man's home, was a farewell note.

Fire investigation experts discovered empty cans of petrol-soaked material in the well of the green Vauxhall Astra parked 15 yards from the entrance to Downing Street.

Dr Iain West, a pathologist, said that Mr Bainbridge died from shock due to burns.

The dead man's brother, Mr Joseph Bainbridge, a fork lift driver, of Victoria Road, Worksop, told Dr Knapman: "We have no doubts in our minds it was Derek".

After the hearing, Mr Bainbridge, who emphasized that he was speaking for himself and not his family, said the inquest had shown that his brother took his life to draw attention to the plight of the unemployed.

Later, Mr Bainbridge headed for Downing Street to present Mrs Margaret Thatcher with a photograph of his brother.

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The world's newest and one of its fastest lifeboats is undergoing trials in British waters this week. The 15-ton Johannes Frederik, pride of the Royal North and South Holland Lifeboat Institution – seen off Dorset (above) – is the fruit of Dutch collaboration over several years with the British Royal National Lifeboat Institution in the development of large rigid-hull inflatables (RHIs). The boat's design consultant is David Stogdon, a former RNLI inspector.

The Johannes Frederik is highly manoeuvrable; draws only 80 centimetres, which enables it to work in shallow waters; and with a speed of 28 knots is two or three times faster than most conventional lifeboats.

The Dutch director, Charles van der Zweep, and his crew visited the RNLI headquarters at Poole, Dorset, to thank the the organization for its help and to demonstrate the boat, which is circumnavigating Britain to give the crew experience of differing sea conditions and to *demonstrate the vessel to lifeboat crews.*

(Photographs: Denzil McNeelance)

David Stogdon, the design consultant for the lifeboat

MPs call oil chiefs in price fixing inquiry

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons select committee investigating allegations of petrol price fixing yesterday ordered directors of Shell, BP and Esso to appear before it in person to answer the charges.

The all-party trade and industry committee took the unprecedented step of dismissing witnesses sent to give evidence by the three multinational companies because they were not responsible for making policy.

In a session that lasted barely five minutes, Mr Kenneth Warren, the chairman, asked Mr John Bamberg, manager of Shell's retail division, and Mr Nick Pattison, manager of its retail sales department, to name the directors to whom they answered, and then abruptly ended the proceedings.

The committee's action came after a meeting last week at which the Petrol Retailers' Association, representing 8,000 petrol stations, and Mr Eric Dunkerley, a Lancashire Shell petrol station owner, detailed ways in which the oil companies were apparently controlling prices while maintaining an illusion of competition.

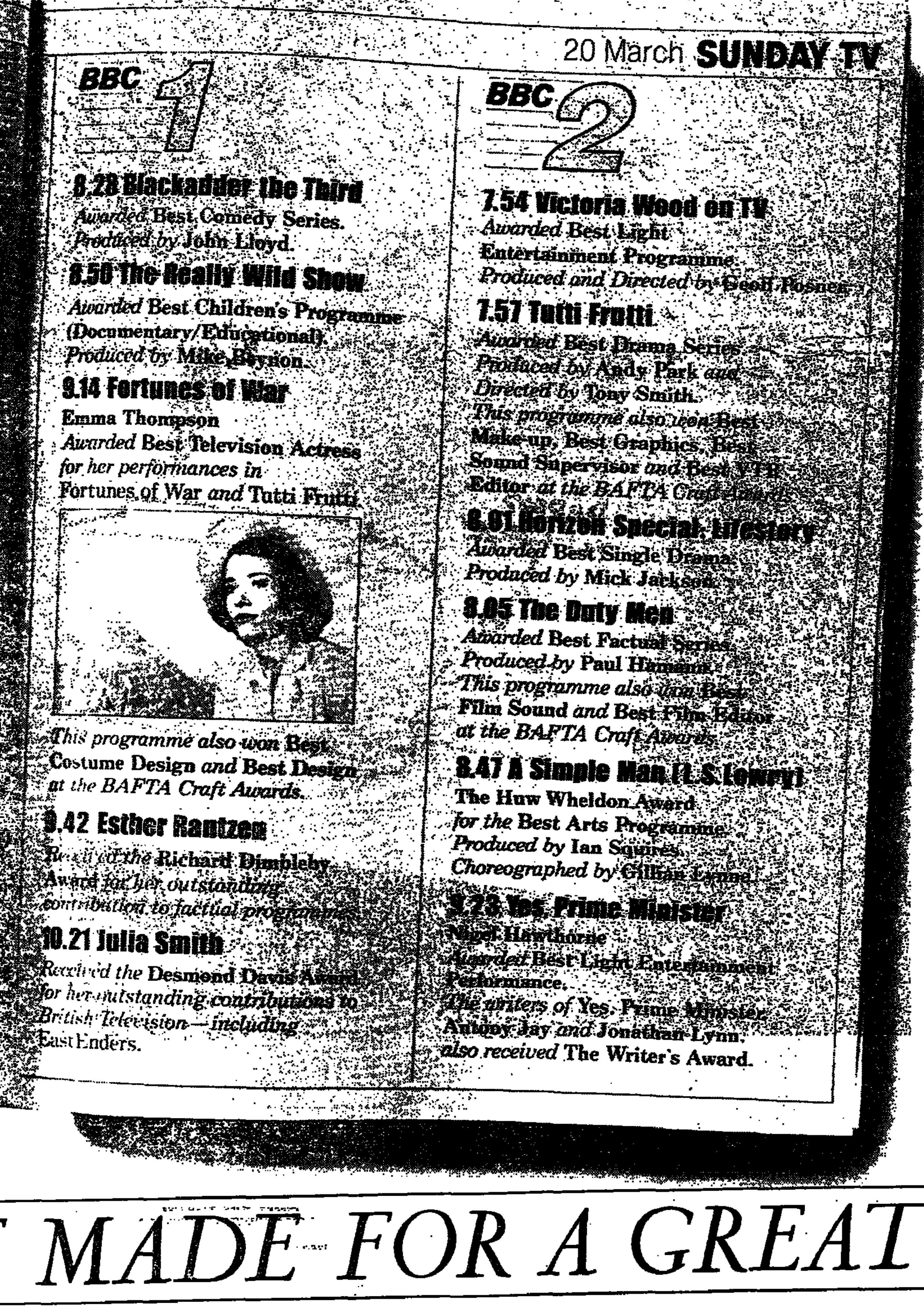
The committee was also told that the Special Branch was investigating a burglary at Mr Dunkerley's office three nights before he appeared to give evidence.

After yesterday's session, Shell released a memorandum which it had sent to the committee last week, rebutting point by point the allegations made against it by the retailers' association, and describing Mr Dunkerley's evidence as so full of inaccuracies that it could not begin to comment on them.

It said the association's allegations were "potentially most damaging" to Shell, which "does not conduct its business in the way it has been represented to the committee

Shell rejected allegations that the oil companies controlled *independent* wholesalers, enjoyed a stranglehold over petrol station owners through inequitable licence agreements, operated a formal cartel to fix pump prices, delayed reductions in pump prices after falls in world oil prices, and had ordered price boards to be removed from its petrol stations.

The committee believes one side is not telling the truth and is determined to get to the bottom of what one member described after the first meeting as "a can of worms".



20 March **SUNDAY TV**

BBC 1

8.28 Blackadder the Third
Awarded Best Comedy Series.
Produced by John Lloyd.

8.50 The Really Wild Show
Awarded Best Children's Programme (Documentary/Educational).
Produced by Mike Beynon.

9.14 Fortunes of War
Emma Thompson
Awarded Best Television Actress *for her performances in* Fortunes of War *and* Tutti Frutti

This programme also won Best Costume Design *and* Best Design *at the BAFTA Craft Awards.*

9.42 Esther Rantzen
Received the Richard Dimbleby Award *for her outstanding contribution to factual programmes.*

10.21 Julia Smith
Received the Desmond Davis Award *for her outstanding contributions to British Television — including* EastEnders.

BBC 2

7.54 Victoria Wood on TV
Awarded Best Light Entertainment Programme.
Produced and Directed by Geoff Posner.

7.57 Tutti Frutti
Awarded Best Drama Series.
Produced by Andy Park *and Directed by* Tony Smith.
This programme also won Best Make-up, Best Graphics, Best Sound Supervisor *and* Best VTR Editor *at the BAFTA Craft Awards.*

8.01 Horizon Special: Lifestory
Awarded Best Single Drama.
Produced by Mick Jackson.

8.05 The Duty Men
Awarded Best Factual Series.
Produced by Paul Hamann.
This programme also won Best Film Sound *and* Best Film Editor *at the BAFTA Craft Awards.*

8.47 A Simple Man (L.S. Lowry)
The Huw Wheldon Award *for the* Best Arts Programme.
Produced by Ian Squires.
Choreographed by Gillian Lynne.

9.23 Yes, Prime Minister
Nigel Hawthorne
Awarded Best Light Entertainment Performance.
The writers of Yes, Prime Minister, Antony Jay *and* Jonathan Lynn, *also received* The Writer's Award.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Kremlin refuses to change border

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet authorities told Armenians yesterday there could be no redrawing of internal borders, dashing their hopes of regaining the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. The Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet also ordered the authorities in Armenia and neighbouring Azerbaijan to restore order in their republics after ethnic riots in which at least 32 people were killed.

The resolution was passed at a special session after the Praesidium had been addressed by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. It rebuffed one of the largest popular movements in Soviet history that culminated last month in demonstrations by up to one million Armenians demanding the return of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan.

"It is considered inadmissible ... for all sorts of self-proclaimed groups to be created which call for the redrawing of state and administrative borders secured under the Soviet Constitution," the resolution said. It echoed an uncompromising article in *Pravda* on Monday.

Israeli jet raid

Sidon (Reuter) – Israeli jets raided guerrilla targets in southern Lebanon five times yesterday, killing or wounding at least 15 people, security sources said.

They said four aircraft fired at least 25 rockets and dropped time bombs over the hilltop villages of Abra, Bramiyeh, Sharhabil and Majdalyoun near Sidon.

● **JERUSALEM:** Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, said yesterday that there were "signs of exhaustion" among the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after more than 3½ months of violence that has claimed more than 100 Palestinian lives (David Bernstein writes).

US under fire in UN

New York (AP) – The General Assembly yesterday voted overwhemingly to condemn a US move to close the PLO mission to the United Nations, and the PLO vowed to fight the case in court.

The Assembly, in its second emergency session on the volatile issue, voted 148-2 to deplore the US action and urged it to abide by the international UN Headquarters Treaty, which allows foreign missions to operate.

The United States and Israel, which consider the PLO a terrorist organization, voted against the resolution. General Assembly resolutions are not legally binding.

Christians arrested

At least 23 evangelical Christians, including two Britons, are being held in Turkish jails without charge (Our Foreign Staff write). Eleven were arrested in Ankara on Tuesday in what a senior diplomatic source described as a "systematic" clampdown on Christians by the Turkish authorities.

They included two British Christians, Mr Samuel Lidstone and Mr Michael John Cormex, both believed to be English teachers working in Ankara, two Americans, a German couple, a Swedish citizen, two South Koreans and a Turkish couple. Police raided homes and seized Bibles and religious pamphlets.

Nazi data banned

Washington – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has barred the use of data from Nazi experiments on prisoners in an EPA report on the effects of a toxic gas on humans after some of the federal agency's scientists protested (Mohsin Ali writes).

The study aims to trace the effects of various doses of the gas phosgene, which is now widely used in the manufacture of pesticides and plastics. Nazi doctors exposed 52 prisoners to it in 1943 and 1944 to test a possible antidote. Four died. Some scientists defended use of the Nazi data, arguing that the information could help protect US public health.

Poll boost for Democrat

Dukakis 'best bet' to defeat Bush

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, an influential Democrat frequently mentioned as a possible outside candidate for the presidency himself, yesterday endorsed Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts as the Democratic nominee. His move came as a poll was published which suggested that Mr Dukakis was the only Democratic contender who could beat Vice-President George Bush in the presidential election.

Senator Bradley's endorsement adds valuable political weight to the Dukakis campaign, and is seen as a sign that leading Democrats are ready to unite behind him as the clear leader and probable nominee. It also sends a message to those urging Senator Bradley to run that he is not interested in doing so.

Mr Dukakis has also garnered the endorsements of Senator Christopher Dodd and Governor William O'Neill, the two leading Democrats in Connecticut, where a primary is being held at the end of this month.

Meanwhile a poll by ABC Television showed Mr Dukakis as the strongest Democratic challenger to Mr Bush, whose nomination as the Republican candidate is assured. The survey showed him leading Mr Bush by 50 to 45 per cent if an election were held today. He would also beat Senator Robert Dole by 48 to 44 per cent.

No other Democrat would win if pitted against Mr Bush, the poll found. Senator Albert Gore and Congressman Richard Gephardt each trailed Mr Bush by 13 points. Even Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, also still mentioned as a compromise choice at a deadlocked convention, would be beaten by Mr Bush by 53 to 38 per cent. And the Rev Jesse Jackson, narrowly behind Mr Dukakis in the race for the Democratic nomination, fared worst of any Democrat if put against Mr Bush: he would lose by 58 to 34 per cent.

Mr Dukakis was given a further boost from London, where a primary was held of all registered American voters living abroad. He won, with 41 per cent of the vote, decisively beating Mr Jackson who came second with only 14 per cent.

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French presidential race

Mitterrand comes out fighting

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Exit the Sphinx, enter the Bruiser. The calculated ferocity with which M François Mitterrand went for his conservative opponents immediately after declaring that he will seek a second term as President took many observers here by surprise.

Looking straight into the television camera, M Mitterrand (who appears to have got his fighting weight down a bit) gave a clear warning to his main rivals that with four weeks to go before the first round of voting, the gloves are off with a vengeance.

Staking out the high ground of a perceived risk to France's "civil and social fabric" from the domination of unspecified (but unmistakably right-wing) political interests, the President has cast his campaign at a level where he can still profit from the aura of his office. Not once did he mention the Socialist Party, his own proud creation, and he never strayed far into describing his programme for the next seven years.

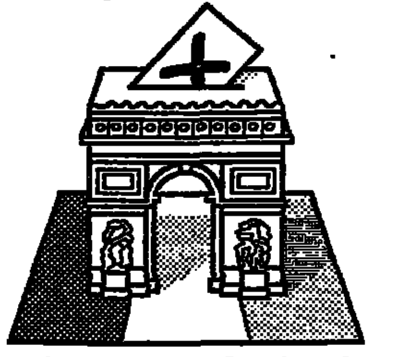
What it seems we are to get, when M Mitterrand finally deigns to join his principal conservative rivals, M Jacques Chirac and M Raymond Barre, on the hustings, is a much sharper-edged version of the Great Helmsman of France, underlaid by some old-fashioned character assassination. In other words, no more sonorous but empty addresses from the Elysée Palace; more harsh asides about those who place dogma before the interests of the people.

Even with the cushion of a 15 per cent and more lead in the opinion polls, Candidate Mitterrand needs clearly defined targets. For sound tactical reasons, the opening salvoes will be concentrated on M Chirac, his partner in two years of government by "cohabitation".

Nobody could doubt that President Mitterrand had the Prime Minister in mind when he denounced "selfish special interests" in his broadcast. He landed a particularly telling punch (or low blow, according to taste) by dismissing the notion that running the Government qualified his rival for the Elysée: to be President of France, he declared without blushing, one must possess true "authority".

As these rude assaults make clear, the Mitterrand camp sees M Chirac as the man to beat. The accepted wisdom is that he is easier to cast as a dangerously divisive candidate than the essentially centrist M Barre. In the second round, goes the argument, M Mitterrand can occupy the centre ground in his familiar guise as Father of the Nation – not to mention the possibility of cashing in on growing animosity towards M Chirac's RPR (Rally for the Republic Party) within M Barre's United Democratic Front.

It is true that opinion polls still show M Barre giving M Mitterrand a harder fight in the second round of voting on May 8. But they also indicate that his campaign is stalling: that while M Chirac crams more and more meetings and rallies into a tireless day, this large and comfortable figure (memorably described as resembling a pre-war country doctor) is wilting under the strain.



One's heart bled yesterday for his hard-pressed campaign managers, outspent, outpublicized, too often outmanoeuvred, despite their best efforts. While M Chirac's furious denunciation of the President's broadcast remarks – "language of a rare violence ... that risks setting French citizens against each other" – was making the front pages, M Barre was photographed doing a spot of canvassing from a canoe in French Guyana (wearing a dark suit, naturally).

Nobody can tell how M Mitterrand, for all his apparent vitality at the age of 71, will cope with M Chirac's predictable onslaught during a campaign that will last six weeks. Senior RPR sources insist that the *renseignements généraux* – private surveys conducted by prefectures throughout the country – show M Chirac rapidly building up momentum among all classes of voter.

However vigorously the Socialists dismiss that today, it is worth recalling that M Mitterrand's last presidential adversary, M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, is said to have concluded that he would lose (despite a handy lead in the opinion polls) after examining the very same returns at about this stage of the 1981 election.

How best to confront Candidate Mitterrand is another matter: as commentators observe, this modern Merlin has seemingly bewitched the French, dominating the presidential debate until now simply by delaying a decision on whether to stand again.

The wizard has apparently cast a special charm to protect himself against unfriendly consideration of a truly remarkable political past. Minister in 11 governments of varying shades in his time; cynical seducer and ultimate deserter of the French Communists; outspoken foe of the Fifth Republic at its birth and stern critic of de Gaulle, he came to exploit the power of the Elysée as never before and now appears to consider himself (in company with other candidates) as the General's only legitimate heir.

A track record ripe for attack, in short: Mrs Thatcher would surely make a meal of it. Yet, up to now, the mud just would not stick: as opponents have discovered, whenever you think he is on the ropes M Mitterrand's brilliant political footwork gets him out of trouble. Not much point assailing him for five years of disastrous Socialist rule from 1981-85 when the 1988 model is busily polishing up an image as a man of the new radical centre.

With tempers fraying noticeably among the President's opponents, France's phoney electoral war now seems certain to give way to serious hostilities.

French students giving President Mitterrand a white scarf and helping to remind him of his prediction of June 1987 – "I'll be campaigning when you see me with my hat and scarf" – at the opening of a student exhibition in Paris yesterday.

President holds the high ground

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

With fully one-third of the French electorate still undecided who should be the next President, the countless *sondages* (opinion polls) now being inflicted on the public have to be interpreted with special care. President Mitterrand's refusal to announce his official candidacy until Tuesday evening is another factor that has yet to be taken into account.

But while some fall in his present high level of support can be expected now he is running, M Mitterrand is still upwards of 15 points ahead of the two mainstream conservatives, M Jacques Chirac and M Raymond Barre. Over the last six months his approval rating has generally been within the 37 to 40 per cent bracket. At no time has any opponent topped 24 per cent, and since M Barre achieved that level back in December, his campaign has faltered noticeably.

Judged by the most recent polls, M Chirac has more than made up all the once-considerable ground between him and his conservative rival. The inexhaustible Prime Minister is now up to three points ahead

With attention now focusing on the Mitterrand candidacy, extensive polls commissioned during the past week give intriguing glimpses of how the nation viewed *"Tonton"* (uncle) on the eve of his announcement. His "satisfaction rating" of 55 per cent has never been higher, just topping that achieved by General de Gaulle in 1965, a massive 20 points and more ahead of the man he beat in 1981, the then incumbent President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Viewed as a potential candidate for another seven-year term, M Mitterrand scored an exceptional 63 per cent, compared with a 49 per cent favourable response for M Barre, and 48 per cent for M Chirac. Asked about specific voting intentions, between 36 and 38 per cent of the electorate went for M Mitterrand on the first round; second round projections gave him a handsome victory with 54-56 per cent of the count.

Paris – Under the rules of the Fifth Republic, France elects its President for a seven-year term by universal suffrage under a two-round voting system (Susan MacDonald writes). The date for the first voting round in this year's presidential elections has been fixed for Sunday, April 24, with the second round on Sunday, May 8.

Anyone wishing to stand must first collect 500 official signatures of support in time for inclusion in the list of candidates to be published on April 8. The election campaign for the first round runs from April 8 to April 22.

The two candidates with the greatest number of votes in the first round will go forward to a run-off vote in the second round, the campaign for which runs from April 29 to May 6.

To make the picture even rosier for the 71-year-old President, he appears to enjoy significant support from voters under the age of 25; from French women, who seem for the first time to be more left-wing than the male electorate; and from an impressive range of the country's professional and intellectual classes.

Students fire first shots for Chirac

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

France woke up yesterday morning to find its President and its Prime Minister candidates on opposing sides for next month's presidential elections.

The tone for what promises to be an acrimonious campaign was set by the President's first appointment as a candidate yesterday morning.

M Francois Mitterrand was booed by supporters of the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, at a meeting with Paris university students. "It adds life to the campaign," he said. "I was beginning to get a bit bored myself."

Earlier M Mitterrand had presided over the weekly Cabinet meeting with M Chirac and the full range of right-wing Ministers. They were all careful to emphasize that government business had been discussed as usual, although the meetings have become a forum for political manoeuvring during the two years of "cohabitation".

The President's assertion, on the lines of General de Gaulle 20 years ago, that it was either him or the threat of civil disorder brought a swift reply from M Chirac that he had not been aware that democracy was in danger and a belated response from the other right-wing candidate, M Raymond Barre, who speculated as to who would run the country while the President and the Prime Minister were at each other's throats.

President Mitterrand has distanced himself from his Socialist Party, hoping to appeal to a wider spectrum, but his aggressive opening salvo has made many feel that the elections are now wide open.

In a radio interview yesterday, the Secretary-General of the Socialist Party, M Lionel Jospin, was asked what M Mitterrand meant by referring to the right-wing groups as bands rather than parties.

He answered by listing the tired old scandals which have half-emerged during the conservatives' two years in power rather than their policies, which leaves the way open for the resurrection of even older scandals during the five years of Socialist rule.

Broad hints by M Jospin that the right-wing parties are in disarray and that some of M Barre's supporters could come over to their side if M Mitterrand were re-elected could backfire before the end of a campaign that, although still short on issues, is finally beginning to hot up.

Pretoria dismisses 'propaganda ploy'

Angola sees light at end of US peace initiative

From Jan Raath, Harare

The Angolan Government has made an optimistic assessment of recent diplomatic efforts to end its 14-year civil war.

Senhor Lopo do Nascimento, a senior central committee member of the ruling Movement for the Popular Liberation of Angola (MPLA), told a meeting of former heads of state here that "finally, we are seeing light at the end of tunnel".

Since January Dr Chester Crocker, the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, has met Angolan and South Africa leaders in a new peace initiative.

Senhor do Nascimento told the meeting that Dr Crocker was negotiating an agreement to be signed by Angola, South Africa, Cuba and the South West Africa People's Organization.

He disclosed that among the terms being canvassed was that the headquarters of Mr Jonas Savimbi's rebel Unita movement would be withdrawn to eastern Zaire.

The Angolan Government has long insisted that South African forces be withdrawn from Angola and that it begin implementation of United Nations resolutions for the independence of Namibia, and that both South Africa and the United States stop military aid to Unita.

The Luanda Government recently agreed, on American and South African insistence, that the estimated 20 000 Cuban troops based in southern Angola be withdrawn to the north of the 13th degree of latitude,which runs roughly through the centre of the country.

A timetable for this withdrawalhas been presented to Dr Crocker, but no details have emerged. South Africa has been pressing for a year, and Dr Crocker for two years, while the Angolans have previously regarded both as too rapid.

Observers see Senhor do Nascimento's disclosure on Unita as a strong indication that Angola will consent to negotiations with the rebel movement. Senhor do Nascimento cautioned that Luanda believed that South Africa would "try to play for time" and aded that it was "up to international public opinion to press South Africa for this agreement to come into effect".

He added: "But we think that for once it is possible to believe in a miracle."

● **JOHANNESBURG:** Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, called the Angolan move an attempt to "create expectations" that an agreement was imminent before any real progress had been made "on the most important element of an agreement, namely the timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops" (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Botha, who appeared to have been caught off guard by the Angolan claims, did not, however, rule such an agreement out entirely. "I am not saying that an agreement is impossible, but that at the moment we are still very far from such an agreement".

Sources in the Department of Foreign Affairs said they saw the Angolan move as "a clever propaganda ploy."

● **LUSAKA:** Southern Africa's frontline states will hold a summit meeting here today to discuss the latest moves aimed at bringing peace to Angola, Zambian officials said.

Locusts pose fresh menace to Africa

Nairobi (Reuter) – Huge swarms of locusts are sweeping North and West Africa in the worst plague of the pests for 30 years, and threaten to spread south of the Sahara.

The invasion is "dangerous and could become alarming", a spokesman for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said in Rabat last week.

Swarms 20 miles long and up to three miles wide have been seen in northern Mauritania, the Western Sahara and southern Algeria, the organization said.

Big swarms also threaten Morocco, Tunisia and Libya. El Hadi Oumar Tall, Mali's Natural Resources Minister, said that parts of his country, Chad and Mauritania were so badly infested that they faced famine.

West African experts at a meeting in Bamako, capital of Mali, last week, said Niger was also affected.

They said the swarms could move south, posing a new menace to crops in sub-Saharan Africa, already ravaged by drought which has left millions of people hungry.

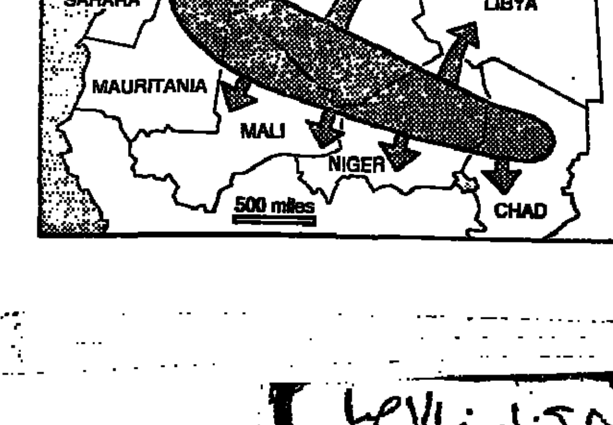
"Abnormally large" numbers of locusts have been detected as far south as Zimbabwe, where they have damaged maize, millet and sorghum 25 miles inside the north-eastern border with Mozambique, according to Mr Shadrack Mlambo, head of the Plant Protection Research Institute.

He said another unusually large group found in south-east Zimbabwe on lowland sugar estates, was quickly controlled.

Dozens of aircraft, from small crop-dusters to Hercules C 130 transport planes, backed by hundreds of vehicles, have mounted a blitz against the menace.

The EEC, Saudi Arabia and the United States, with additional help from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain, have joined the campaign, coordinated by the FAO.

They have sent planes, helicopters and pesticides to fight swarms which, a spokesman at a campaign headquarters in Rabat said, were being attacked along an arc running from the Mediterranean coast to the Atlantic.



Warm and wet weather in recent months has encouraged the breeding of a second generation of locusts in North Africa since the first waves arrived last October.

A serious threat is posed to cereals, which are to be harvested in only two months.

Huge swarms moving north from the western Sahel region have ravaged some small oases, and efforts are being made to destroy them before they reach North Africa's fertile plains.

More than1.2 million acres have been treated in Morocco alone in the last five months.

The war has claimed casualties on both sides. At least 24 people were reported poisoned by insecticide last week in Tunisia, where desert folk consider grilled locusts a delicacy.

Speaker refuses snap debate

Botha under attack for quashing trial

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A big row has broken out here over the decision by President Botha to order the Attorney-General of Namibia to withdraw murder charges against six members of the South African Defence Force and South West Africa Territory Force. The men were due to go on trial in the Supreme Court in Windhoek, the Namibian capital.

The Speaker of the white House of Assembly in Cape Town refused yesterday to grant a snap debate on the matter, but a spokesman for the liberal Progressive Federal Party, one of the two main opposition parties in the House, said the matter would not be allowed to rest there.

"We cannot talk about the sanctity of the courts and about the excellence of our judicial system if we prevent the law from taking its course, as would appear to have happened in this case," said Mr Nic Olivier, the party's spokesman on defence.

The timing of Mr Botha's intervention is seen here as astonishing. Only last week he refused to grant clemency to the Sharpeville Six – sentenced to death for their part in the mob murder of a black township official – on the grounds that he could not interfere in the due process of law.

The accused in the Windhoek case are four white soldiers, Colonel Johannes Vorster, Colonel Willem Welgemoed, Commandant Antonie Botes and Lieutenant Nicolaas Prinsloo, and two black soldiers, Corporal Eusebius Kashimbi and Rifleman Steven Festus.

The state's case against them is that they arranged for some 50 members of 101 Battalion, stationed at Ondangwa in northern Namibia, to attend a political meeting of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) in the Katutura township outside Windhoek on November 30, 1986.

The 50 troops, according to the state's indictment, were ordered to dress in civilian clothes, to arm themselves with clubs, knives, spears and bows and arrows, and "to disrupt the (Swapo) meeting and assault those present". They had been transported from northern Namibia for the purpose.

Fighting broke out soon after the meeting began and Mr Immanuel Shifidi, a veteran Swapo member, was stabbed to death.

In intervening to prevent the trial from going ahead, Mr Botha cited a clause in the Defence Act which exempts members of the security forces from prosecution if they act "in good faith" to combat terrorism.

Lawyers for the family of Mr Shifidi said yesterday that they intended to apply to the courts to get Mr Botha's intervention declared unlawful. The lawyers will argue that, on the basis of the state's case against them, the six accused could not reasonably be said to have acted "in good faith" or to have been combating terrorism.

● **Apology to Bonn:** Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, yesterday apologized to the Bonn Government after seven plain-clothes policemen searched the Johannesburg home of West Germany's acting Consul-General, Herr Erhard Loeser, last Monday.

The police had apparently been following up an incorrect tip-off that a suspected ANC member, Mr Heinrich Grosskopf, whom they are seeking in connection with several car bombings, was in the house.

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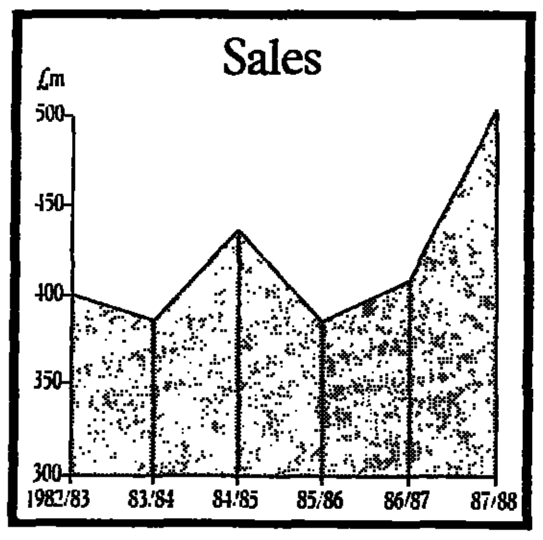
The acquisitions of Standard-Coosa-Thatcher and Sandhurst Marketing in 1986 and the thread joint venture in China in 1987 demonstrate our strategy in action. The Group is now market leader for industrial thread in the USA and the integration of Standard-Coosa-Thatcher has transformed the profitability and returns of The American Thread Company. Sandhurst Marketing has shown strong growth and improved market penetration, particularly in stationery distribution, in its first year under our ownership. Following the success of the first joint venture in China a similar venture in thread yarn manufacture is announced today.

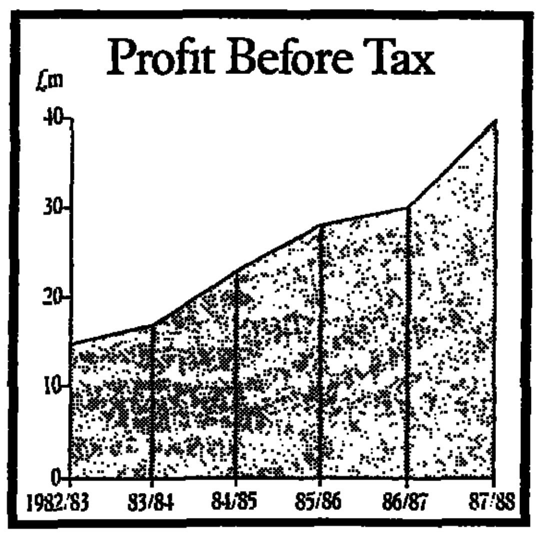
This investment is based upon our strategy of gaining access to quality controlled and cost-competitive sources of yarn for use in the Far East and elsewhere. Plans are well advanced for market entry into a number of countries with rapidly growing apparel industries where Tootal does not currently distribute thread.



The Directors propose to raise approximately £54.2 million after expenses by way of a rights issue. Of this amount approximately £16.7 million will be used to purchase the 49.9% interest in our Specialised Materials' joint venture, Lantor International. Tootal has managed Lantor since it was established in 1956; the acquisition reflects the Board's confidence in Lantor's excellent potential for profitable growth. This will come through the development of existing products and markets, by the continued expansion into new markets and from the introduction of new products.

The balance has been designated for strategic investment across a number of business areas. As the reduction in gearing from 44% to 36% in 1987/88 clearly demonstrates, the existing organic investment requirements of the Group can be internally funded. Each business area in the Group has developed clear plans for growth which are at varying stages of implementation, and the rights issue will provide the Group with the resources for timely acquisitions, new product investments and expansion into new geographic markets.

Now is the time for Tootal Group to build on success by adding to our strengths.



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The Afghanistan conflict

Border issue still a hurdle for Kabul-Pakistan pact

From Michael Hamlyn, Geneva

The four instruments which make up the agreement being painfully hammered out here between Pakistan and Afghanistan are now virtually complete, according to Señor Diego Cordovez, the United Nations mediator.

Yesterday Señor Cordovez indicated to me that only one issue remained outstanding in the four instruments, that of the border between the two countries.

He said that yesterday was occupied by lawyers going through the English text and also the official translations of the agreement to see whether any further points arose.

The instruments cover, first, the issue of non-interference and non-intervention in Afghanistan, secondly arrangements for the return of the refugees, thirdly an arrangement for the accord to be guaranteed by the two superpowers, and lastly a document which governs the relations between the other three, but which also covers the timetable for the Russian troop withdrawal.

A fifth document, a memorandum governing the establishment of a United Nations monitoring force to police the peace agreement, has also been completed.

There were no formal meetings yesterday at the Palais des Nations between Señor Cordovez, the special representative of the UN Secretary-General, and the heads of delegation. But they will probably be called to this former headquarters of the old League of Nations after the lawyers have finished their fine-toothed combing.

United Nations officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the border question will disappear as suddenly as it arose, if there is a break in the current log-jam in the two main outstanding issues — the question of symmetry between Russian supplies to the Afghan regime and American supplies to the Mujahidin, and steps towards the establishment of an interim government to take over as the Russians withdraw.

The instruments refer to the "internationally recognized border" between the two countries, which is a formulation taken to refer to the so-called Durand line, which divides the tribal areas of the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan from Afghanistan.

No Afghan government has ever recognized this line as the legal boundary, insisting that when it was drawn by Sir Mortimer Durand in 1893 it was done without their consultation. When it was endorsed by a referendum among the tribes at the time of the creation of Pakistan in 1947, Afghanistan claimed that their approval had been bought by economic force — that is, a subsidy given both by British India and Pakistan to the tribes. The option of joining Afghanistan was never put to the tribesmen, they said.

Some officials here play down to some extent the importance of what happens in Washington between Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, saying that the question of symmetry is an important question for American politics, and that the Russians may or may not help them, but at the same time it is clear that everyone here is waiting for the outcome of the Washington meeting to know which way the Geneva negotiations will finish.

If there is agreement on symmetry, the pressure on Pakistan to abandon its stand on the interim government for a form of words which could mean anything will become overwhelming.

Refugee soldier tells of poor morale and hashish smoking in Soviet forces

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

Alexei Vitalyvich Gurnaltsov, wearing Afghan dress and turban, sits in a simple mud-house in a refugee camp enjoying a rare American-made cigarette.

On the small television in the corner, President Zia has been saluting almost continually for two hours at the massed ranks of the Pakistan armed forces. Mr Gurnaltsov remarks that it reminds him of parades in Moscow's Red Square which he used to watch on television at home in Uralsk, in Soviet Kazakhstan.

Mr Gurnaltsov, a former artillery sergeant, aged 19, is one of an estimated 200 Soviet soldiers being held in Pakistan and Afghanistan who will not be returning home with the Red Army when it leaves Afghanistan. He was captured by Mujahidin guerrillas six months ago, after an ambush during which he was wounded near Kunduz in northern Afghanistan. Today, apparently a devout Muslim, he is being held at a secret location near Peshawar by the Harakat-i Islami faction of the resistance, his future undecided.

Mr Gurnaltsov provides a rare inside account of a Red Army facing defeat in its first full-scale conflict since the Second World War.

Speaking through an Afghan interpreter, he said that when he joined his unit in Afghanistan a year ago, morale was already low and smoking hashish (cannabis resin) was an accepted practice. A withdrawal was regarded as inevitable.

"Whether we wanted to or not, we had to do what we were told. But many of the soldiers, in their heart of hearts, did not want to fight though they could never show their feelings publicly. I am not saying whether we are defeated or winning this war, but Afghanistan will be a bad memory for the Russians."

He said that in daily lectures he and his fellow conscripts had been told that they were fighting an illiterate and uncivilised people and that the Russians had come to "remove" their religion. The Army had been invited into Afghanistan to help Afghan Communists and to honour agreements signed with Afghanistan by Lenin. "We learned a lot about Afghanistan in books, poems and films."

The Soviet Union has not disclosed its casualties in Afghanistan. Western estimates range from 12,000 to 25,000.

Mr Gurnaltsov said he saw many bodies on their way back to the Soviet Union.

Mr Mahboob ul-Haq, left, leader of Pakistan's delegation to the Islamic Conference *Organization meeting in Amman*, blaming Moscow for the deadlock in reaching a peace agreement in Afghanistan.

***Iran accused the conference* of failing to help Afghans and Palestinians win their freedom. "I regret to say the ICO has left unclear fingerprints on the road towards ending the Afghan issue," its representative, Sheikh Muhammad Ali al-Tashkiri, said.**

Nancy Reagan's night at the 'Opera'

Mrs Nancy Reagan, right, meeting members of the cast of the Broadway production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. The American First Lady *took the opportunity of a backstage chat after seeing the successful show this week*.

German tax reforms row

Kohl threat averts crisis

From John England, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany threatened to resign last Tuesday if his Cabinet would not give immediate approval to a controversial tax reform package, according to West German newspaper reports yesterday.

The respected *Frankfurter Allgemeine* said the centre-right coalition almost collapsed over the reform Bill shortly before a Cabinet meeting when Herr Kohl's Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) partners demanded four changes in the reforms.

The liberal Free Democrats (FDP) then said they would not approve the Bill if the CSU had its way. At that, the paper said, an angry Herr Kohl threatened to go to the President and tell him: "The matter is at an end."

That was understood clearly to mean the end of the coalition and the Government, the paper added. For good measure, Herr Kohl said he was "fed up" and would not let himself be made an *Affe* (monkey) of. "The Bill must be passed now," he said.

The popular newspaper *Bild* said Herr Kohl had banged his fist on the Cabinet table and told the ministers: "If things go on like this, you can look for someone else. Then I will go to the President." Participants told the Frankfurt newspaper that the episode was the "most explosive" they had ever experienced. Herr Kohl's threat was taken seriously and the Bill was approved.

But press comment yesterday said his burst of anger showed how tense relations in the coalition had become. Its discord went much deeper than had been assumed.

A threat to resign was a Chancellor's ultimate weapon, and one that he could seldom use, one commentator said. It became blunt quickly.

The tax reform package of Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, which is due to take effect from 1990, will give taxpayers and businesses reliefs totalling £6.8 billion. But subsidies and allowances worth £6.1 million will be abolished.

Herr Stoltenberg says the reforms will help boost the economy, and the business-oriented Free Democrats support them. But Herr Franz Josef Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria and leader of the CSU, the sister-party of Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats, wants some fine-tuning.

Herr Strauss, however, has been making life difficult for Herr Kohl for many years, and the CSU-FDP spat over the tax Bill almost proved to be the straw that broke the Chancellor's back. The *Frankfurter Allgemeine* said there was suspicion that Munich kept laying explosives in the chambers of the Bonn coalition.

The paper also asked: "But what are the possibilities if the coalition should break up? One could only conclude that whoever wanted to destroy it was striving for a Grand Coalition of conservatives and Social Democrats (as in 1966-1969)."

Herr Strauss, the paper added, might have fond memories of that alliance (when he was Finance Minister), but most of his party friends agreed later that the "experiment" was more harmful than helpful.

Herr Gerold Tandler, the CSU Secretary-General, said in Munich yesterday that his party's request for changes in the tax reform Bill had not made Herr Kohl threaten to resign. The CSU line had been fully accepted in both the coalition and the Cabinet.

Ugandan rebels to join Army

Kampala (AP) — A leading rebel group, the Uganda People's Democratic Army, appears ready to sign a peace agreement and merge with government forces.

The National Resistance Army and the rebels, mainly soldiers from Uganda's previous national army, have observed a ceasefire since peace talks began in Gulu last week.

"We are coming out fully to join the Government," Mr Mike Kilama, the rebels' chief negotiator, said.

Match halted

Rotterdam (Reuter) — A bomb dropped by British planes during the Second World War has forced Saturday's First Division football match between Feyenoord and Utrecht to be called off. Thousands of people will be evacuated while the 1,000 lb bomb is defused.

Spy arrests

Helsinki (Reuter) — Two people have been arrested on suspicion of spying. Police refused to confirm that they were selling high technology to the Soviet Union.

Death verdicts

Ankara (AFP) — Nine members of a banned Maoist group have been sentenced to death for murdering 29 people, including the former Prime Minister, Nihat Erim.

Students shot

Dhaka — Three people were killed and more than a hundred were injured in Valuka when police opened fire after students refused to stop cheating during an examination.

Orwell serial

Moscow (Reuter) — *Rodnik*, a Latvian literary journal, has published the first of four instalments of George Orwell's satire of Stalin's totalitarianism, *Animal Farm*.

Minister freed

Kampala (Reuter) — Three people were sentenced to death for treason. Four others, including the former Commerce Minister, Mr Evaristo Nyanzi, were acquitted.

Ford bombed

Vitoria (Reuter) — A bomb damaged a Ford car showroom in Spain's Basque capital. Police believe it may have been planted by Eta guerrillas.

Shrine battle

Rangoon (Reuter) — Five pilgrims and a soldier died as Burmese troops fought 150 Karen tribal insurgents at a Buddhist shrine in Mon state.

Socialists ahead in election test of Gibraltar airport deal

Rock's sovereignty key to poll

From Richard Wigg, Gibraltar

Mr Joe Bossano, the challenger in today's Gibraltar general election, is not an old fashioned, internationally-minded socialist. Pragmatically, but loudly, he is beating the drum of a growing Gibraltar nationalism.

Last December's agreement between Britain and Spain on joint use of Gibraltar airport has proved the emotional force behind the election campaign. All three parties have turned the contest into a referendum on the airport question and the 1984 Brussels agreement which underlies it.

Mr Bossano has exploited a widespread feeling among Gibraltarians that they have been let down by Britain over the agreements. If Gibraltar's Socialist Labour party wins — and the polls are giving Mr Bossano more than 50 per cent among the 17,500 voters — those agreements will be the chief casualty.

Today's verdict will also be judgement on 16 years of uninterrupted rule as Chief Minister by Sir Joshua Hassan, who resigned shortly after the airport deal amid divisions in his centre-right party.

"We are not in principle against the idea that we can reach agreements with Spain — on the airport or any other issue — when it suits both of us, but it will not be something imposed as a consequence of the Brussels Agreement," Mr Bossano told *The Times*.

The trade unionist, aged 48, described the Anglo-Spanish airport deal as an awful thing for Gibraltar, claiming that it gave 90 per cent of what Spain had demanded on the issue of sovereignty. He pledged that a Labour government would never commit Gibraltar to a deal with Spain "unless there is overwhelming public support for it".

Mr Bossano insisted that Gibraltar should itself develop the airport, to help tourism and the business community on the Rock "and make this obvious to the Spanish side".

He rejected the outgoing Government's suggestion that Spain could create difficulties for a Labour government at the frontier, hitting Gibraltar's economy. "If we have a particular policy which is clearly in tune with popular feeling in Gibraltar, they will see that they have to learn to live with it," Mr Bossano said.

He claimed that the Brussels agreement and recent British diplomacy towards Gibraltar amounted to "a dangerous philosophy". They had raised expectations, and Spain would see it as a slap in the face when those expectations did not materialize.

His party's election manifesto declares: "We are the true owners of the Rock — the sovereignty of our homeland is not a matter to be negotiated between the UK and Spain."

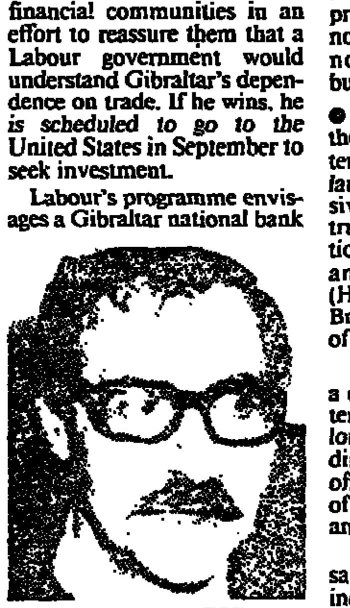
Mr Bossano, a fourth-generation Gibraltarian whose family originated in Genoa, emphasizes that a Labour government would mean a fairer share for all Gibraltarians of the prosperity brought by relaxation of the frontier with Spain in 1985.

He has been holding talks with Gibraltar's business and financial communities in an effort to reassure them that a Labour government would understand Gibraltar's dependence on trade. If he wins, he is scheduled to go to the United States in September to seek investment.

Labour's programme envisages a Gibraltar national bank and an economic development council. But Mr Bossano denies this would mean central planning with government controls on nationalization.

"When we talk about planning we mean announcing a rate of growth of the economy, which is done by Mrs Thatcher or Felipe González in Spain," he says.

Of a national bank — Gibraltar already has 19 banks, four of them Spanish — Mr Bossano observed: "It is a profitable business and we do not see why Gibraltar should not share in profitable businesses."



Mr Joe Bossano: Riding a wave of nationalism.

● **MADRID:** Herri Batasuna, the political arm of the Basque terrorist organization Eta, has launched a diplomatic offensive to support Eta's recent truce offer, by sending delegations to present its views to ambassadors in Madrid (Harry Debelius writes). The British Embassy was not one of those visited.

The pro-Eta coalition issued a communiqué in Bilbao yesterday, claiming that the diplomatic offensive was not directly related to the truce offer, but rather formed a part of an international campaign announced last year.

The Madrid daily *El Pais* said the embassies visited included those of Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands and Finland.

Canepa spells out risks of ending Brussels agreement

From Our Own Correspondent, Gibraltar

Mr Adolfo Canepa, battling to remain Gibraltar's Chief Minister in today's general election, warned voters in a final appeal that to reject the Brussels agreement risked both the "special relationship" with Britain and a dangerous confrontation with Spain.

In the face of opinion polls suggesting a clear victory for Mr Joe Bossano — who promises that his Socialist Labour Party would boycott talks about the future of the Rock under the 1984 Anglo-Spanish agreement — relations with Britain and Spain could be the crucial factor.

The more than 17,000 Gibraltarian voters are electing a new 15-member House of Assembly.

***Mr Canepa*, a former schoolmaster, aged 47, who only took over from Sir Joshua Hassan in December, told *The Times* yesterday: "We must remain on our guard. Spain does have a sovereignty claim which we know is not going to go away. If the methods used in the past are not successful then they may well use different methods. Essentially, we want to retain British sovereignty and not have autonomy under Spain."**

The Gibraltarians fear frontier restrictions by Spain if relations deteriorate, which would damage a prosperous economy.

In a televised debate with Mr Bossano, who said categorically that any future talks between Britain and Spain "will not involve us", Mr Canepa emphasized that abandoning the Brussels process "would break a framework which is working well with Britain and leading to a better relationship with Spain".

He added: "If we adopt what is perceived in London as an unreasonable stand, we would alienate the British Government, cause serious problems in the House of Commons, and British public opinion will say 'These Gibraltarians are giving us too much trouble, what on earth do they want?'"

As Gibraltar's former trade union leader, Mr Bossano's weakness is in foreign affairs. Mr Canepa denied that it would be possible, as Mr Bossano maintains, to have good relations with the Campo de Gibraltar region of Andalucia across the frontier after boycotting the Brussels agreement. "The local authorities in Spain work on orders from Madrid. They dare not move unless Madrid gives the green light," the Chief Minister said.

Sir Joshua Hassan, in a letter to voters, said it had been the Brussels agreement "which has brought such prosperity to Gibraltar without giving up anything".

Both Mr Canepa and Mr Joe Pitaluga, leader of the Independent Democratic Party, told the voters that it was essential for Gibraltar to be expressing its views, which it could only do in London or Madrid by keeping within the Brussels agreement.

The Independent Democrats, launched after Sir Joshua resigned, are to the right of Mr Canepa's Labour Party (which is effectively a centre party) but he has said he will not join a coalition to stop Mr Bossano taking power.

Personalities count for a lot in Gibraltar's politics, and that is the chief handicap of Mr Canepa, who has been Sir Joshua's deputy for eight years.

Mr Canepa's other handicap is that many ordinary Gibraltarians simply feel like a change. A leading British offshore banker who, like many businessmen, is apprehensive about the economic future under a Bossano government, says nevertheless that the local bureaucracy is badly in need of a shake-up.

Kiev moonshining boom drains sugar supplies

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The authorities in Kiev, the third largest Soviet city, are considering introducing sugar rationing, as a result of chronic shortages caused by moonshiners using it to make *samogon*, a fiery home-distilled vodka substitute.

A recent edition of the daily *Pravda Ukrainy* revealed that the situation in the Ukrainian capital and surrounding areas had become so serious that the uniformed militia had been called out to maintain public order after "scores of people" were injured in fights over sugar in Kiev stores.

The paper said people were buying sugar in such large amounts that it was impossible to match demand. It added that the request for sugar rationing had been submitted by "various collectives and individuals" and was being considered by the regional Government.

The growing crisis over the availability of sugar (which is essential for the production of *samogon*) was also highlighted in the weekly magazine *Ogonyok*, which printed a round robin letter from 87 Communist Party members complaining that, since January, all residents in the town of Grozniy in the Northern Caucasus had been rationed to 1.5 kilos (3.3lb) of sugar a month.

Since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov launched severe restrictions on the availability of vodka in May 1985, home distilling has become an increasing problem for the Kremlin, which recently lifted some restrictions on the availability of wine, brandy and beer in Moscow, in an attempt to contain the growing demand for black-market *samogon*.

Figures released by the Ministry of the Interior showed that about 1.4 million tons of sugar were used for home distilling in 1987, an amount equivalent to the annual consumption of sugar by the whole Ukrainian republic with its population of 50 million.

The numbers arrested by the police for home distilling offences have jumped dramatically from 80,000 in 1985 to 397,000 last year. The Ministry spokesman said that this figure was likely to double again in 1988 as 120,000 illegal moonshiners had already been convicted in the first two months of the year.

The manufacture of *samogon*, which was traditionally restricted mainly to rural areas, has moved into the city and even into factories as profiteers attempt to cash in on the artificially induced shortage of vodka — a source of wide popular resentment against Mr Gorbachov. Twice since he took office its price has been raised on Kremlin orders, and a litre now costs 18.50 roubles (£18.50), which is out of the reach of many Soviet pockets.

Ministry statistics showed that more than 60 per cent of recently convicted moonshiners were women and that 7,000 of those arrested in 1987 were members of either the Communist Party or its youth wing, the Komsomol.

Izvestia, the Government paper, said that the initial impetus of the anti-alcohol drive was now slackening and that in nine of the Soviet Union's 15 constituent republics and in 24 districts of the largest, the Russian Federation, the number of murders and robberies being carried out under the influence of alcohol was once again on the increase after showing a decline.

"In many republics, territories and regions, every second crime was committed under the influence of alcohol", *Izvestia* reported. "Alcoholism is being strongly combated in terms of production and consumption in public places.

"The administrative and prohibitive measures which had produced positive results at the initial stage (of the campaign), do not produce that effect any more."

Gorbachov incentives

Moscow **— Mr Mikhail Gorbachov acknowledged yesterday that his reform programme had run into more difficulties during his first three years in office than he had expected, but claimed it had now succeeded in reversing "the pre-crisis trends" in Soviet society (Christopher Walker writes).**

Addressing the first congress of Soviet collective farmers for almost 20 years, Mr Gorbachov laid great stress on the need to set up new co-operatives in all spheres of the economy, a method of providing incentives which has run into strong resistance from his bureaucratic enemies.

"We should revive co-ops, not in their old, often too primitive forms, but in the form of a modern, high-standard movement extensively integrated both within its own framework and with government-run enterprises and organizations," he told the delegates, who will discuss a new draft law on co-operatives.

Notes of optimism in Nicaragua peace talks

From Martha Honey, Sapoa, Nicaragua

In an atmosphere of optimism, talks between the Nicaraguan Government and the rebel Contras entered their final day yesterday.

Participants say the outcome of these high-level talks will determine if a negotiated peace is possible or whether the six-year-old American-backed war will continue.

The two sides have presented strikingly similar peace proposals and the Sandinistas have made several new concessions.

Earlier this week the Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, said: "Today was very useful and tomorrow could be even better."

The Nicaraguan Defence Minister, General Humberto Ortega, who is head of the Government delegation, echoed these views.

Despite signs of progress, the Nicaraguan Government remains uncertain whether, with the Reagan Administration proposing new Contra aid, the resistance leaders genuinely want to end the war.

In their proposals both sides call for a temporary halt to the fighting. Both also outline steps to be taken during this period to the reintegration of rebel forces to civilian life.

The Contras and Sandinistas both propose that the rebels be permitted to keep their arms but the Government calls for their gradual disarmament while the Contras say the process should not begin until after 45 days. Both sides propose freeing all political prisoners.

● **MADRID:** The Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, dropped Nicaragua from the itinerary of a visit this weekend to Central America, because the US Government considered that it would constitute "an unfriendly gesture" at this time, according to the Madrid daily *El Pais* (Harry Debelius writes).

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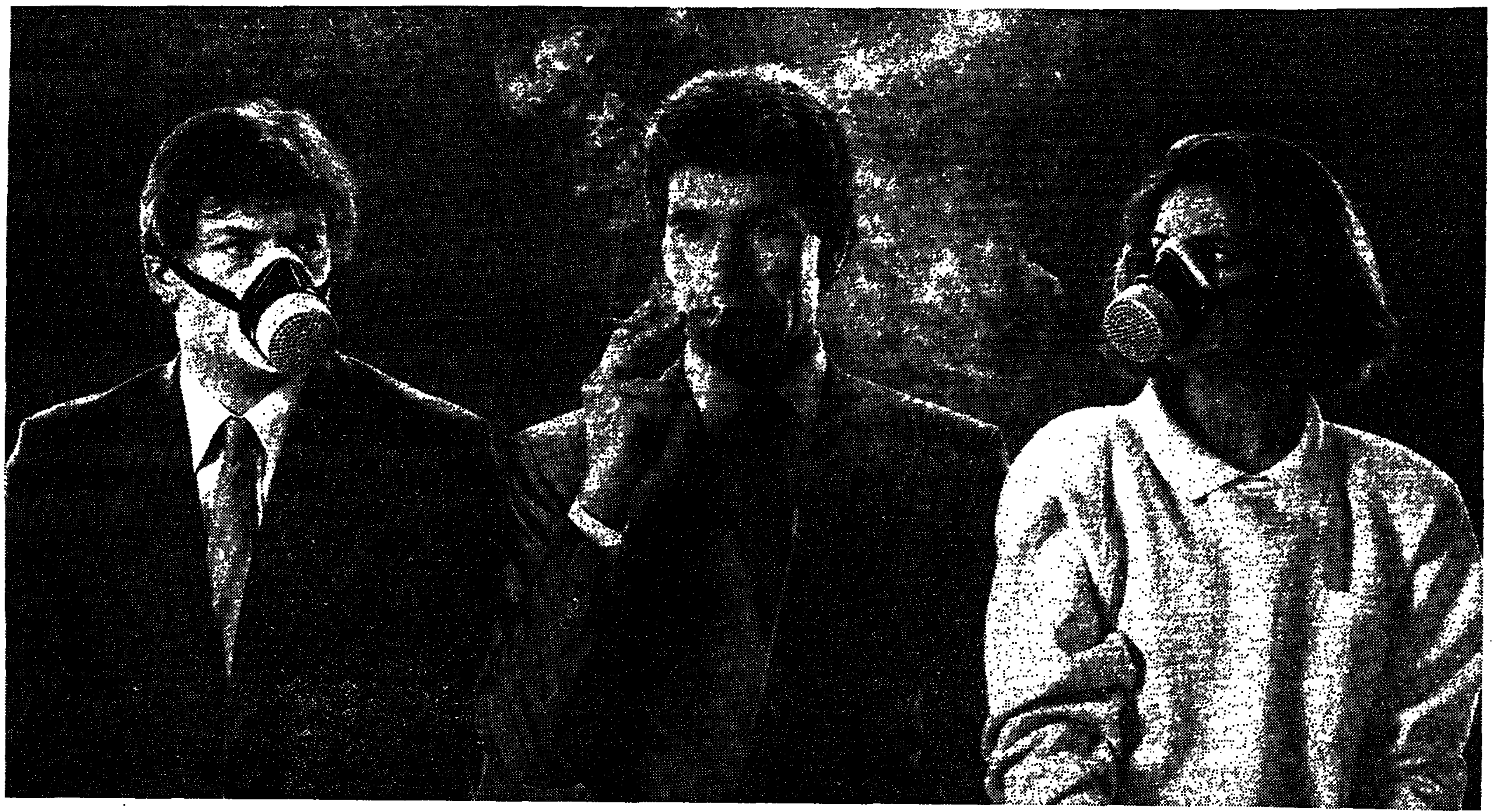

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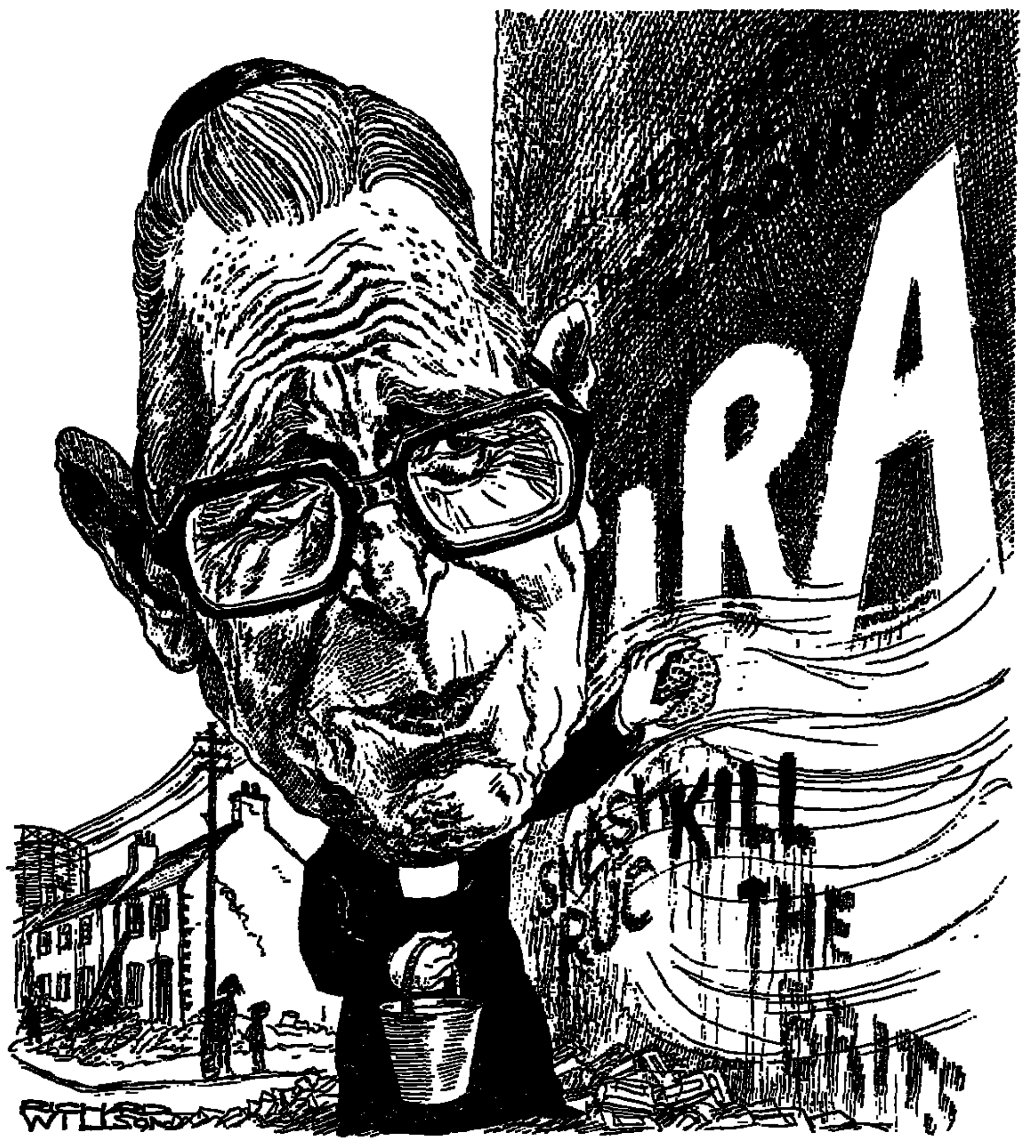
The latest outrages in Northern Ireland have drawn out an implacable enemy of the IRA: the Catholic bishop of Belfast

Calming the troubled see



THE TIMES PROFILE

CAHAL DALY

Cahal Daly moved with agitated, rather bird-like vigour around his imposing private library yesterday. His activity was an apt correlation to his mental state. Dr Daly is the Bishop of Down and Connor, the ancient Roman Catholic see *which* now encompasses modern Belfast and the *elemental turmoil* that now exists at its heart.

The extensive library ranges from the works of the logical positivists to the devotional tracts of the religious mystics: from histories of both Christianity and *the Irish* nation to epistemology and metaphysics. Outside the room representatives of the world's media were waiting their turn in its cloistered atmosphere.

Daly's study has long been the intellectual powerhouse of the *Irish Catholic heirarchy. It is* he who has drafted nearly all its main policy statements on subjects as wide-ranging as international ecumenism and the Church's need for a new option for the poor. It was he who wrote the Catholic bishops' *unequivocal denunciation* of the IRA after last November's Enniskillen bombing.

But most of this was done from a comparatively calm anonymity. *He has now been thrust into the* public spotlight because of a withering attack on the IRA which he published on Tuesday. It was accorded particular significance because it came from the cleric who is generally regarded as the *single most important influence* in persuading the Royal Ulster Constabulary to adopt the policy of "low-key policing" at Irish Nationalist funerals.

Yesterday he was unapologetic. Low-key policing had not been responsible for the violence, he said. "Had there been a heavy police presence, there would still have been violence and it probably would have started earlier, given the tensions surrounding the burial of those shot at Gibraltar.

"Massive security and saturation *presence of police and soldiers* in riot gear at a funeral is seen to be provocative. Where tensions are high the instinct of the people is to engage in confrontation. Saturation policing plays right into the hands of the IRA. *There is nothing more* productive in propaganda terms *for the IRA* than television pictures of baton charges by police on mourners. This has a particularly vivid impact in the United States."

For Bishop Daly, at the age of 71, suddenly to find himself beseiged by the international media is an unfamiliar and evidently unwelcome experience. He was *ordained in 1941* and spent the first 25 years of his priesthood as an academic. He was for many years lecturer in scholastic philosophy at Queens University, Belfast, *before being consecrated* Bishop of Ardagh and *Clonmacnois in the midlands of* the Irish Republic. From this rural bishopric he masterminded Ireland's implementation of the revolutionary theological perspec*tives of the Second* Vatican Council.

His major previous encounter with politics was when he was passed over for the cardinal's hat *and the position of Primate of All* Ireland, which many expected he *would* get before the conservative Fianna Fail came to power in the South and influenced the Vatican to appoint the more pro-republican Tomas O'Fiaich.

But returning to Belfast in 1982 to his present job has brought him *face to face* with both the inescapably brutalizing nature of social, economic and environmental deprivation of the Catholic ghettos of the city, and the horror of the violence bred there.

A priest here is almost every day confronted with the anguished reality of families who have fallen victim to the beatings and murders. *But for all that, Daly believes* that the events of the last week, and *in* particular the murderous battering of the two British soldiers, have had an unprecedented effect.

The atrocity, he says, "has had an impact in the Catholic community which no event I can recall has had before. People saw it happening on television, at a *funeral*, and in the midst of a Catholic community.

"There is a sense of shame and foreboding in the community. People are asking: 'How did we not know that this evil thing was in our midst?' Priests have told me *that there* was an extraordinary hush among congregations at Mass on Sunday which they have never experienced before. I myself have rarely felt so overcome as by this sickening violence. But we must not yield to depression. I do believe this can be a turning point."

For this to happen, new efforts he believes are required by all parties. It is up to the Catholic *community to squeeze* the IRA out of existence. The British government *must* suit actions to its words by launching a major initiative to end the religious job discrimination and the economic stagnation that creates the alien*ation* and despair on which the men of violence feed. Local politicans must show new willingness to talk to one another.

The Irish and UK governments must *cultivate* better relations than they have in recent months. Westminster politicians must show more sensitivity to how their words and actions will be interpreted throughout Ireland. British newspapers must report the province more fairly and with fewer stereotypes.

The Army and police should recognize that "their primary objective is to secure a respect for the law. Any departure from this, whatever short-term advantages it produces, will in the long term prove counter-productive".

Exactly how the Church can effectively move against the IRA is Daly's own problem. Protestant clerics in the province have insisted that the Church should excommunicate IRA activists and *refuse* them burial, but the bishop considers that this is a misunderstanding of the nature of excommunication.

"It is not a punitive measure so *much* as a *medicinal* one. It should act as a spur to repentance. *Obviously* this is *only effective* if the individual involved is a committed Catholic. Very often this is not the case. My priests were not able to recognize, for example, a single individual in the television pictures (of the attack *on the two soldiers) as regular* churchgoers. Excommunication was tried in the 1920s and *1950s* and it did not work. The IRA have developed very effective conditioning techniques to blind individuals to the moral significance of what they are doing."

The Church must instead exert *pressure on the terrorists through* the community in which they live. "Through our concern for the living conditions in the area, our involvement with local issues, our concern for human rights and human dignity, our care for the *families of prisoners, we are trying* to create a climate which is not *conducive to* violence. Gradually this will deprive the activists of the community sustenance on which they depend. The Church has found this the most effective strategy."

But it is up to the Government, *the bishop believes, to provide the* finance and the co-ordination to create the *new* atmosphere in which the Church's strategy will succeed. "We have to be able to show them that there is another way available, that there is hope."

Paul Vallely and John Cooney

BIOGRAPHY

1917: Born. Educated at St Malachy's, Belfast; Queen's University. Also at the Institut Catholique, Paris.
1941: Ordained.
1946: Lecturer in Scholastic Philosophy, Queen's University.
1962: Reader, Queen's *University.*
1967: Consecrated Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.
1973: Author of *Violence in Ireland and Christian Conscience.*
1982: Appointed Bishop of Down and Connor.

The milking of the Warhol legend

artfile

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

A weekly look at the art world

> Next month Andy Warhol's vast collection goes up for auction, no doubt at inflated prices. But is it the work of a true collector, or just an obsessive shopper?

All London is invited to *Bond Street today to* salivate over 73 samples from Andy Warhol's art collection. Nothing actually by him, you understand, not even *the spare* wig he had framed on the wall ... but a clutch of wrist watches, American furniture and folk art, with a masterpiece by Alma-Tadema and the *Head of Napoleon* by Canova *thrown in. The whole* lot is being conveyed to its prospective purchasers on a wave of Sotheby's superlatives: "Extraordinary in its diversity ... concentration of quality".

These more portable objects will be sold along with the rest of the 5,500 items over 10 giddy days next month at the biggest auction Sotheby's New York has ever handled.

For *sure, many of the items* are of the finest quality but the prices they will fetch will be grossly inflated as the auction house milks the Warhol legend for all it's worth. Yet do the objects really have any *special merit because of their* association with Warhol, who died last year?

If Warhol's standing as an artist is contentious, then his *merit as a collector is* equally debatable. Indeed, he was never really a proper collector but rather a compulsive shopper: few of the items actually brought Warhol any pleasure, remaining unwrapped in his Manhattan home when his spending lust was sated.

Nor does anyone seem to think it odd that the king of the mass produced *should* buy so many artefacts distinguished by their uniqueness.

When the dust settles on the sale, perspectives may change over his contribution to 20th century art. We may *even* start *believing what he said of* himself: "Just look at the surface of my paintings and films and me, and there I am. There's nothing behind it".

Warhol was a one idea man, and even the originality of that *is a matter of dispute*. That idea is epitomized in his most famous image, *the Campbell* Soup can of 1962: a sublime, anarchic token whereby a humble mass-produced object was uplifted into both art and stardom while cocking a snoop at the "serious" con*temporary art of Abstract* Expressionists like Jackson Pollock.

He repeated the idea *ad nauseam*. Specific subjects, such as his death and disaster series and his dollar bills, were suggested to him by friends or dealers. Often he was not even *involved in the production* bearing his name. As one hanger-on said: "Andy would walk along the rows and ask 'what colour do you think would be nice?' "

Warhol had Expo '67 in *Montreal to thank* for first stamping his work with credibility. From then on, whatever he did, the critics found words to justify it.

Paradoxically, the work that bears his truly personal touch, *is perhaps the most* hollow of all: his "Oxidization pictures" of *1978* are bland *patterns* created by urinating on bronze-coated canvases.

Here, as Carter Ratcliff, his *biographer*, said: "Warhol seems at last *to* express a clear attitude toward his art – utter contempt. *Or is he contemptuous* of himself? Of his audience? There is also the possibility that Warhol's Oxidization process is a vicious, infantile mockery of Jackson Pollock's paint slinging".

As the Sixties advanced, so did his ego. A repressive regime developed at The Fac*tory, his studio*, with the hippies and hangers-on trying *to be trendy for the interminable* films he made of them snogging or squabbling. A friend said: "Andy's very royal. It was like Louis XIV getting up in the morning. The big question was whom Andy *would notice*".

Despite the term Pop Art, Warhol never explained himself to the people. Instead, he uttered rambling nihilistic statements like, "*Kitchen* [one of his films] is illogical, without motivation, or character, and completely ridiculous. It is very much like real life".

His friend John Richardson described him as "almost priestlike ... untainted by the speed freaks, leather boys and drag queens whom he attracted", but others around *him were cracking up. Two* girls died of overdoses and in 1968 another, Valerie Solanis, shot him.

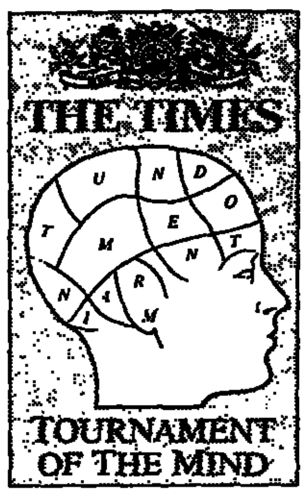
So the bubble burst. On *recovery, he became isolated*, lonely, obsessed with death. During the day he exercised in the gym; at night he slept with his dachshunds. Although he had started collecting contemporary art in the 1960s, the *urge to shop now* became obsessive. His purchases were, on the whole, *in* old-fashioned good taste, a sheer relief from his own art.

By the time he died his "collection" had clearly taken over: two staterooms were already piled high and he had *withdrawn* largely to the bedroom and kitchen. So, far from being considered the rare fruit of a serious collector, could it be that the collection is tainted?

Regal Warhol: king of mass-production, *but buyer with taste*

Tournament of the Mind

● The second set of answers. Individual readers with the top 100 scores will be invited to join the finals, starting on April 11. Schools' finals will be played the following week.



Today, the second batch of answers to *The Times* Tournament of the Mind – and as the questions, set by Mensa, were by *this stage growing harder*, we explain (below) how the answers were arrived at. In Round Six, for example, competitors seeking a four-letter prefix which could be common to the four existing words listed ran *into trouble* with the fourth word, "shaw" – an archaic word for a copse or small wood, or else the top of a potato plant. It required some ingenuity to prefix that with the word "kick", to make "*kickshaw*", meaning trinket.

Ingenuity was still in *evidence* by Round Seven, when the majority of entrants realized that there was only one sure way *to* crack the cubes problem – *the scissors and folding* method.

There is no cause for *complacency*. By yesterday afternoon one-third of the entries had been assessed; only two were entirely correct. The judging continues.

ANSWERS: ROUNDS SIX TO TEN

ROUND 6

Puzzles: 1 Kitchen or dining room. *(We will accept either answer.)* 2 KICK. 3 53. *(The tramp has 800* cigar ends, from which he makes 50 cigars to smoke. With the 50 ends left, he makes a further three cigars.) 4 K. (The letters inside the grid follow an alphabetical sequence with every other letter omitted, beginning with the letter A on the top row, followed by the C on the bottom row, followed by the E on the top row, then the G on the bottom row, then the I on the top row, hence the K.)
General Knowledge: 1 Athena. 2 Jackal. 3 New Zealand. 4 Braunau Am Inn. 5 Silver.

ROUND 7

Puzzles: 1 8 *and D.* 2 Gaul. *(When we unravel the groups of letters we discover the words: Gaul, Inca,* Aztec and Maya; the obvious one out is Gaul, since the others lived in the South American Continent). 3 99 divided by 9 plus 9. 4 John wins. (In this race John had covered 100 metres in the same time as it took Peter to cover 95 metres. The second time the race was run at exactly the same speed but this time Peter had to cover 100 metres while John covered 105 metres. We divide John's 105 by 100 to give us 1.05 *and Peter's 100 by 95, which gives us 1.0526, and leaves John the winner again.)*
General Knowledge: 1 York. 2 Dog. 3 Terracotta. 4 Sirius. 5 Handel.

ROUND 8

Puzzles: 1 10. 2 SOURCE and COURSE. 3 4 gallons per hour. (The car travels at 40 mph and covers 80 miles. It has therefore taken two hours to accomplish the journey. *Since its fuel* consumption is 40 miles to the gallon it ought to have used up two gallons of fuel. In fact the tank is empty and therefore an additional 8 gallons of fuel has been used in two hours. It is therefore leaking 4 gallons per hour.) 4 8 = 5. *(The numbers are related to the number of letters in the word. There are five letters in the word "three"* and so on, so "eight" equals five.)
General Knowledge: 1 Samuel Beckett. 2 Staffordshire. 3 Milton Keynes. 4 Holy Loch. 5 Helios.

ROUND 9

Puzzles: 1 M. (The letters in the grid should read as follows: starting at the top horizontal and reading from left to right, the letters are: T,S,I,M,E; second line: M,E,T,S,I; third line: S,I,M,E,T; fourth line: E,T,S,I,M; fifth line: I,M,E,T,S.) 2 Five changes: Fast, Faut, Saut, Slut, Slot, Slow. (All words can be found in the large edition of *Collins English Dictionary*; other methods using the same number of changes were accepted). 3 12. (There are three series interlaced here: 1,3,5,7 is the first series; 2,3,4,5 is the second; and 3,6,9,12 is the third; 12 is therefore the answer.) 4 24 minutes. (The simple solution to this puzzle is to convert the times into fractions. The first tap becomes one-eighth, the second one-quarter and the plug time becomes one third. Add the tap times together and subtract the plug time. This gives you 1/24th, which you reconvert to give 24 minutes.)
General Knowledge: 1 *The Republic of Ireland.* 2 Tom Watson. *(As indicated on March 4, Watson won* the British Open five times between 1975 and 1987). 3 Captain Kidd. 4 Richard II. 5 Wenceslas was murdered by his brother.

ROUND 10

Puzzles: 1 4. (Starting at the C and working up to the E we have the following: C,H,A,A,P,M,N,G,E. Then we have C,H,P,M,A,A,N,G,E twice. Finally we have: C,H,A,M,N,A,P,G,E.) 2 LYRES. (The grid must be filled in with the following words, starting from the top with PETAL, EVERY, TENOR, AROSE, LYRES.) 3 19. (The numbers in the left-hand side of the H follow a simple progression, as follows: 3,7,11,15,19 and 23. The other side of the H follows a similar rule: 9,11,13,15,17 and 19.) 4 $49\tfrac{2}{5}$ miles. (On the first day the man covers $\tfrac{1}{5}$ of the total distance. On the second he covers one half of the remaining $\tfrac{4}{5}$, which gives us $\tfrac{2}{5}$. On the third he covers one quarter of the remaining $\tfrac{2}{5}$, or $\tfrac{1}{10}$ of the remaining distance, and on the fourth day he covers $\tfrac{1}{5}$ of the $\tfrac{3}{10}$ which are left, thus giving $\tfrac{3}{50}$. He is now $\tfrac{19}{25}$ away from the first town. Thus we know that $\tfrac{6}{25}$ is equal to $15\tfrac{3}{5}$ miles. Therefore he has covered $49\tfrac{2}{5}$ miles of a 65-mile journey.)
General Knowledge: 1 Sandie Shaw. 2 A life-jacket. 3 *Vanity Fair.* 4 Malta. 5 Coventry.

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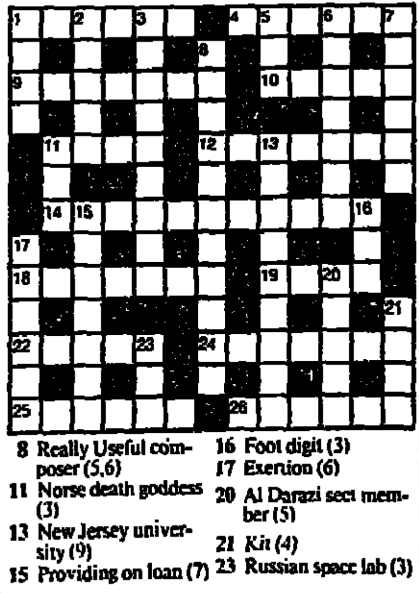

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4 Cattle market driver (6)
9 Regulate (7)
10 Danger (5)
11 Perceive sound (4)
12 City whizz kids (7)
14 US "organic" architect (5,6)
18 Star's supporters (3,4)
19 Social rules (4)
22 Repugnance (5)
24 Excite, arouse (7)
25 Gitanjali poet (6)
26 Cause to be beloved (6)

DOWN
1 Punch (4)
2 Extent (5)
3 Depiction (9)
5 Talk volubly (3)
6 Nail polish (7)
7 Savour (6)
8 Really Useful composer (5,6)
11 Norse death goddess (3)
13 New Jersey university (9)
15 Providing on loan (7)
16 Foot digit (3)
17 Exertion (6)
20 Al Darazi sect member (5)
21 *Kit* (4)
23 Russian space lab (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1521

ACROSS: 1 Snobbish 5 Flab 9 Georgia *10 Power 11 Drear* 12 Loose 13 Kneel 15 Sweep 16 Eliot 18 Ichor 20 Dense 21 En*tails* 23 News 24 Tribunes

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TIMES DIARY

ANTHONY SMITH

While the glittering rave-up of the Bafta awards at the Grosvenor House was under way on Sunday night, corks a-popping, see-through Rolls-Royces a-queueing, terraced ranks of black-tied cameramen a-clicking, another major cinema award was being celebrated in Woking, where the New Cinema Club had just returned after gaining the trophy for Film Society of the Year.

I suppose the two awards represent the Yin and Yang of British moviedom. There is much that remains unsung about the role of the film society in Britain. Despite the rapid decline of these organizations in the era of home video, something of a come-back seems to be taking place. More than 300 of them remain in existence and new ones have started to spring up again in small towns where cinemas, let alone specialist art cinemas, have long disappeared.

But the societies can do far more for their patrons than any cinema; they provide wads of duplicated information, visiting lecturers, informative group trips and, I suppose most important of all, company while viewing. They represent a slice of still thriving local voluntarism. Tonight in Woking you can see Lewis Milestone's 1940 version of Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, with Lon Chaney as the simple-minded giant. And on the same £17.50 subscription you can catch up also this season with a score of 1980s movies. There's talk of restarting a film society in the small country town where I live. Perhaps it's the backlash of the lonely home video generation.

I sighted David Puttnam walking along Piccadilly. He used to be a familiar figure trudging around the streets of Soho, from one meeting to another, pumping life into the wheezing body of the film industry. But he seems to have left his red scarf behind in Hollywood, home of the Columbia Film Company, of which he is no longer chairman and managing director. In fact it was difficult to recognize him without this garment, which he invariably wore even in midsummer, even with a dinner jacket, perhaps even with his pyjamas.

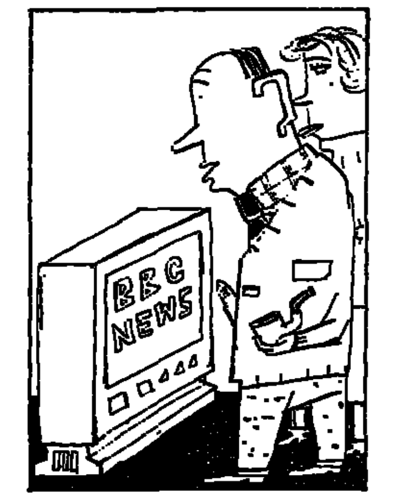
There was a period of at least two years when every aspiring film director seemed to be wearing an identical scarlet cashmere number. In the winter sales last year you could get brown and black and blue ones but the red ones had naturally sold out earlier at pre-sales prices. I bet you anything there will be a surplus of red scarves in Soho shops if Puttnam decides to change his neck gear.

I always make a point of avoiding reading books written by friends, especially close friends. How can you continue to fulfil the role if you're nursing a secret disappointment with something they have worked at for months or years? You can tell a lie once, but you can't go on for ever pretending you liked something which you didn't.

I broke my rule this week and read very slowly every word of Shusha Guppy's *The Blindfold Horse*, memoirs of a family and its life in pre-Khomeini Iran. I have now decided to abolish the rule altogether. It is a deeply moving book, evoking a whole civilization which was shaken to dust by the 1979 revolution; the politics go on, but far in the background, and the reader is treated to an account of the domestic life of a society which was slowly moving from traditional to Western ways, through the keyhole as it were of the *andaroon* (the women's quarters) and the *birooni* (the men's quarters) of a well-placed Iranian household.

It is hard to convey the smells and stray sounds of a whole civilization to the inhabitants of another, but that is the rare achievement of this little book. I put it down positively bathed in the values and attitudes which she describes, as if I had spent the time in a Persian *hammam*. One is not regaled with its exoticism. This faded world is made to feel quite ordinary.

BARRY FANTONI



'Turn off the Ulster report, we don't want to be accused of spying for the security services'

This week I watched a giant camera crane which has been gently wheeled up a ramp and into the newly emerging Museum of the Moving Image on the South Bank. It is a piece of vintage equipment and used to support many tons of Technicolor camera plus cameramen back in the 1930s and 1940s. There was much anguish as to whether it would get inside the museum, and if the floor would hold it. But now it sits there waiting like an absent-minded giraffe for the activity all round it to die away and leave it in peace.

In its day it provided thrilling shots in now defunct British studios for films like *The Dambusters*. It can do a 360-degree turn; it can swoop and tack. But in recent years it has done service as a prop in movies about movies — a sad retirement for such a versatile beast. Soon it will perform its lofty arabesques again for the interest of the curious who come to learn how dramatic movie sequences are created.

It has only one fellow; none others ever saw service, in Britain at least. Its electric motor has gone, so have its cables. No longer will a small squad of men be needed to move it gently around the studio, as it rises up to track back from an extreme close-up to a whole street of houses, from one face to a whole marching army. Today's lightweight cameras have no need of it, and most of the cameramen who were hoisted high by it are long retired. It is the symbol of a distant era of popular movie-making.

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Nicholas Beeston finds Iranians turning to thoughts of peace

A war running out of zeal

Tehran
From the factory owner in Tabriz to the student in Dezful and the doctor in Tehran the first question is always the same: "When do you think it will end?" they ask, hoping a foreign visitor may have some insight into a conflict whose appetite for "martyrs" and dollars seems as voracious as ever.

For the first time in the seven-and-a-half-year conflict Tehran looks like a city at war with new yellow shelter signs springing up on every street. They are as regular a feature as the craters and broken windows caused by more than 100 Iraqi missiles that have fallen in the past month.

Judging from the statements of Iran's leaders and the solid diet of war footage shown on television between the air raid warnings, the answer to Iran's battle-weary inquisitors is: "Not in the foreseeable future." The standard official explanation is: "We are fighting an imposed war. We will not have an imposed peace."

In purely diplomatic terms Tehran's leadership has a justifiable point. But in reality it has found itself caught by its own propaganda, unable to justify the ever expanding war cemeteries in every village, marked out by hundreds of Iranian tricolours, unless it can account for those lives in a victory.

Talking to Iranians of all classes, it becomes clear that the enthusiasm for continuing the war is ebbing and that there is growing resentment at some of the more petty infringements imposed by the regime. But there still appears enough enthusiasm among young Iranians to fill the ranks of the Revolutionary Guards and volunteer forces, who bear the brunt of the frontline fighting. And there is a strong conviction, based on a united nationalism, that Iraq must pay some just retribution for having started the war. Unconditional peace terms as proposed by the UN Security Council Resolution 598 are rejected outright both at government level and by the man in the street.

Iran has long demanded the removal of the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, as a precondition to a peace settlement, although recently it has softened its position in the face of international pressure. It now insists that Iraq be labelled the "aggressor" in the war, and so pave the way for reparations for Iran.

How long the people's patience will endure a war with no end in sight is a question the leadership in Tehran must put to itself daily. In spite of gains last week on the northern front of Kurdistan, where Revolutionary Guards have penetrated about 30 miles into mountainous Iraqi territory, the much publicized victory has less value strategically than as a morale boost for the Iranian people.

Capture of the southern Iraqi city of Basra, which could have held the key to an Iranian victory, remains more elusive than ever, particularly since the disclosure of the US arms-for-hostages deal has firmly put the US and the West generally on the side of Iraq and the Arab Gulf states.

Although Tehran is enjoying a brief respite from its image as the Middle East's foremost "pariah state" after the Iraqis' use of chemical weapons against Kurdish civilians last week, the Iranians delude themselves if they expect any significant switch of allegiance in their favour, regionally or internationally.

Grey hairs are now sprouting in the once youthful beards of the Islamic zealots, who established their reputation by challenging the superpower status quo and who recorded successes as far afield as Washington and Beirut. They now demand, half in genuine naivety and half in anguish, why they cannot make it up with the West. Their pride, bordering on arrogance, forbids them to climb down in spite of their affinity to Western culture, particularly that of the United States, where many were students.

As the search for a way out of the predicament continues, Iran is being dragged deeper and deeper into economic and political chaos. Earlier this year Ayatollah Khomeini was forced to tinker with the constitution and form a new Council for the Expediency of State Decrees. This is meant to end the legislative impasse caused by the six-member Council for the Protection of the Constitution which vetoed essential parliamentary reforms with such regularity that the whole machinery of government was brought to a virtual standstill.

Khomeini, it is said, also wants more technocrats to be elected to parliament in next month's elections to speed up the pace of change.

"If it goes on like this we will end up like Bangladesh," said one expatriate returning to Iran. Like many of the professional classes he supported the revolution but prospects at home offered him only the choice of military service or menial government employment.

The queues of passengers at Tehran airport, some waiting days for a flight out, speak for themselves. The government is spending every available dollar on the war effort, as a drive away from the front demonstrated. Commandeered buses carrying soldiers raced down the highway past civilian lorries loaded with military equipment, most of which Iran has to buy in cash at a premium. The result is rampant inflation, a flourishing black market in foreign exchange and a shortage of foreign goods, other than those smuggled in and sold at exorbitant prices.

This week, though, as they celebrate the Persian New Year, the thoughts of most Iranians have turned away from the war and their economic woes to their families. But when they return home from visiting relatives on Saturday they must again face the enormity of their crisis.

Their only hope is that the country's leadership has made its New Year's resolution to pull them back from the brink.

Bernard Levin

Extinct but it won't lie down

The experts are notoriously divided on the reason for the abrupt disappearance from the earth of the dinosaurs and their kind at the end of the Mesozoic era. Some attribute the catastrophe to giant meteorites, others to a rapid change in the earth's climate, still others to bursts of extra-terrestrial nuclear radiation; I dare say that Mr Geoffrey Cannon would explain it by the high level of fat and salt in their diet, and I am quite sure that Mr David Simpson would argue that they all popped off because they smoked, and serve them right. (Mr Jonathan Miller, I understand, blames it on Mrs Thatcher.)

I have no theory of my own to put forward, but I do want to draw attention to one element in the mystery. Everyone who takes part in the debate talks of the extraordinary and macabre rapidity of the creatures' disappearance, but if you examine the evidence (such as it is), you discover that whatever happened to them, it seems to have taken 750,000 years to finish the process.

Which leads me, naturally, to the TUC in general and the Transport and General Workers' Union in particular. Everybody was getting frightfully excited the other day about ballot-rigging in the TGWU (as if there had ever been a TGWU election without it), but the result made no serious difference. Bombarded by meteorites and gamma-rays, faced by vast swings in temperature, the trade union movement lurches on, with Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU in the van, towards extinction, the longed-for nirvana 750,000 years away.

Yesterday, the TUC, in solemn conclave met, tried to find a way to punish the EETPU for knowingly, deliberately and wilfully committing sensible behaviour, though even the thickest of them knew perfectly well that if the EETPU is even suspended, let alone expelled, Bro Hammond will lead his men into a world elsewhere — a world in which common sense and independence will join hands to give the EETPU's men even more opportunities than they have now, freed at last of the lead-weighted albatross of the TUC. They know just as certainly that if Hammond's lot go, the AEU will follow (and after that the UDM and Mr Lyons' men); yet they strove all morning and most of lunchtime to find an infallible method of committing suicide, and when they failed, though only on a technicality, they announced that they would be returning to the search for a cast-iron form of self-ending in a few weeks' time.

And then it was Mr Ron Todd's turn. I own to a fascination with Mr Todd comparable to what would be my amazement if I looked out of the window and saw a herd of Megalosauri trotting down the street; by all the laws of nature, he ought to be as extinct as they, yet there he is, alive and well (long may he remain so), the very pattern and exemplar of Cretaceous Man, perfectly representative of the entire movement, or at least its leadership, prostrate across the path to the future like an oak felled by last year's hurricane, though in fact it fell many decades ago, and has now grown roots, running fully 30 feet deep, at both ends.

Even the TUC, by the end of the session, was running scared; they voted by 25 to 11 to let the AEU go ahead with the Ford deal, and their plenipotentiaries (it's a mercy they didn't send Mr Ken Gill, or even Mr Todd himself) will be arriving in Detroit more or less as you read these words. But Mr Todd stood firm for folly, strong for stupidity, implacable for idiocy, unwavering for unemployment; the Ford proposals were sinful, and he would have nothing to do with sinfulness. Surely it was to him that St Joan directed her words: "Thou art a rare noodle, Master. Do what was done last time is they rule, eh?"

For Mr Todd bases his refusal to let Ford employ more men on the most sacred principle of trade union negotiation, a principle he enunciated in words of such fiery passion, such majesty and clarity, such wit and wisdom, that his eloquence must have brought tears to even the most cynical eye. "Ford," he said, "have violated the blue book agreement which established our collective machinery."

And stuff the unemployed, brothers, twice over. Yet Mr Todd would like nothing better than to help to reduce unemployment. Though not, in any circumstances, if it involves changes, however modest, to the attitudes, behaviour, habits, convictions, practices, structure, methods, customs, personnel, rules or language of trades unionism, which have stood unaltered since the TGWU demanded exclusive negotiation rights in the transport of the great sarsens of Stonehenge, and held up the work from 1800 to 1500BC because the Beaker Folk pointed out that it was their job, as well as the TGWU's, to bore the mortice holes in the lintels.

It is no use at all telling Mr Todd and those who think like him that it is 1988, that Mrs Thatcher has won three general elections in a row and will win another six at this rate, that Macmillan is dead and Wilson forgotten, that entire industries are springing up and operating without union negotiation rights and in some cases without unions, that the number of people in trade unions is now fewer than those who have bought shares in the privatization issues, that even Mr Kinnock has come to the conclusion that there is nothing wrong with working-class affluence, that, in short, no amount of calling Eric Hammond a bastard will alter the fact that his members have benefits, conditions, facilities, opportunities and wages that are far better than a thousand years of Todd have managed to secure for his own members.

It is no use telling Mr Todd such truths, if only because he would at once move the reference back, demand a card vote, appeal to the Standing Orders Committee, claim across-the-board parity, denounce productivity agreements, reject the erosion of differentials, stick three more ball-point pens into his breast-pocket and insist that composite is a verb. What, then, are we to do about him — him and his like?

For he and his like are far more dangerous than any number of Scargills and Jarvises, men who shoot themselves in the foot and claim that it has cured their bunions; Todd and Co do not make such spectacular fools of themselves, indeed do not do anything spectacular at all, because it is not in their nature to do so. All they do is to sit, as placid and immobile as Buddha, in the way of progress, and declare that they will not be moved. Nor will they, though their bottoms get cold and the planners build a by-pass round them and they forget what they are sitting there for and have to be reminded that it was because somebody had violated the blue book which established their collective machinery.

There is nothing to be done about them; history will roll over them as it rolled over the dinosaurs, and in aeons to come scholars will surely debate the extraordinary extinction of *Toddanosaurus Rex* and similar weird creatures, and will wonder whether it was due to meteorites, climatic changes or radiation, never guessing that what did for them was a terrible epidemic of irrelevance, which so weakened them that when, shortly afterwards, they were attacked by their own members' aspirations, they succumbed at once. Or at least in 750,000 years.

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Balance of power

In the Sixties and Seventies it was an article of faith for intellectuals in the swim that everything wrong with Britain could be ascribed to faults in its "machinery of government". If only, it was said, we had a more expert Civil Service, or effective parliamentary investigative committees, or economic planning organizations, or a *cabinet* system of political advisers, then all would be well.

Much of this was tried, but political and economic decline continued until Mrs Thatcher seized the truth that the need was for political action rather than mechanical tinkering. By politics, she has so changed the way Britain thinks and behaves that even the Labour Party is having to try to change with it.

In the galaxy of myths about institutional shortcomings, however, there was one which has paradoxically been given a certain credibility by Mrs Thatcher's political success. This is the idea that Cabinet government had been replaced by a kind of prime ministerial government which has virtually presidential through-control of the administrative and party machines.

The present prime minister does, indeed, enjoy a singular degree of personal authority. It comes, however, not from institutional mechanics but from her political leadership and clarity of purpose in tackling the national crisis when too many in her then Cabinet had wished to temporize in the old useless way.

Her fund of personal authority has generally been for the public good. But it has also had some disconcerting consequences. Everyone knows that she runs her Cabinet as a kind of no-nonsense boss. But we have never seen her supremacist instincts quite so openly in operation as they were when, to the embarrassment of a strong and successful Chancellor on the eve of his Budget, she publicly opposed his known policy of reducing interest rates and intervening in the market to stabilize sterling at a lower exchange rate against the Deutschmark.

It is a complex economic argument and I am concerned here only with whether this kind of attempted pre-emptive strike is the right way to resolve it. Nigel Lawson has been trying to show that Britain can operate as though it were a member of the European Monetary System, which he wishes to join, without actually being a member, and he does not want economic growth and employment to be impeded by high interest rates. Mrs Thatcher, on the other hand, both opposes EMS membership and wishes to avoid any risk of inflation through easier money.

The proper course would be to refer such a fundamental question to the Cabinet's economic sub-committee. If that produced an agreed policy the matter would be settled. If not, it should be taken to the full Cabinet.

A prime minister holds office because he or she can form a government acceptable to a parliamentary majority. Once appointed, each Cabinet minister is free (in the light of his party's public commitments) to shape his policies according to his own best judgement, but subject to the Cabinet's acceptance — at least until his prime minister can find a suitable *general* occasion for removing or re-posting him. If, however, he can neither persuade his colleagues to agree to a specific policy, nor modify his policies to reach agreement, he resigns.

But suppose it turned out to be the prime minister who was in a Cabinet minority on the matter? Of course, the Cabinet would virtually never risk damaging its party by pushing a prime minister into a corner. A prime minister always holds the strongest hand. But the essential point is that policy differences should come to Cabinet for reasoned argument, bargaining and agreement on a common line. It does not do for the prime minister to undermine a minister by public implied criticism of his policy. Mrs Thatcher's exchange rate intervention created a sour atmosphere for the Budget, and the public pursuit of the same line by her close colleague, Lord Young, this week has made matters worse.

Not for the first time, Mrs Thatcher has given ammunition to those Tories who say she wants to run everything herself, never suffers a truly independent minister to flourish, and edges out those who cross her will. If Mr Lawson chooses to depart because he wants to go to the City or is disinclined to wait for the Foreign Office, that will do no harm. If he appears to go because he feels undermined, that will harm Mrs Thatcher within her party.

In times of emergency, energetic prime ministers with the qualities of leadership rightly enjoy extra power. In calmer times, it should be different. At the moment, the Cabinet conventions are somewhat in eclipse. Yet the Cabinet system has not come to an end, and even the most powerful prime minister needs the goodwill of colleagues of independent stature.

SCIENCE REPORT

Hail the queen

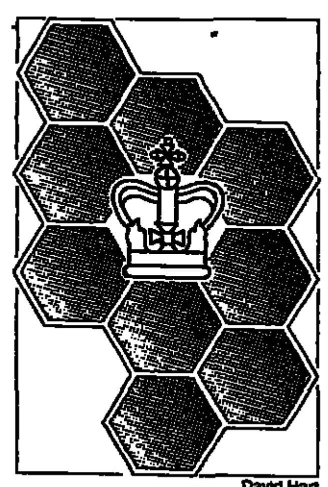
One of the long-standing puzzles in the biology of honey-bees seems at last to have been solved. Dr Keith Slessor and his colleagues at Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, have identified five complex chemicals which together are the means by which worker bees recognize their queen.

The findings, published in *Nature* today, are high achievements for experimental biology and analytical chemistry, and underline the complexity of bee communication.

Honey-bee colonies contain up to 80,000 workers co-operating in an organized way. For this reason, and because bees are economically important, their behaviour has been studied since ancient times. Aristotle, for example, was convinced of the importance of communication between bees, but he had no idea of the underlying mechanisms.

The impetus for modern research on the behaviour of honey-bees stems from the work of the late Karl von Frisch, who showed that bees direct each other towards sources of food by performing stylized dance routines.

Slessor and his colleagues have concentrated on the reasons for the social cohesion of the honey-bee colony, known to be brought about by a substance in the mandibular gland complex of the dominant reproductive queen. This substance is a cocktail of chemicals known as pheromones, or semiochemicals, which convey information from the queen to her workers.



David Hart

Worker bees respond to the substance by gathering round the queen and attending her in what is called the retinue response, licking her and touching her with their antennae. Later, the attendant workers move out into the colony to communicate the presence of the queen. But despite more than 20 years of research on the retinue-forming substance, none of the chemicals it is known to contain has ever been found to elicit the full retinue response.

To identify the active constituents, Slessor and his colleagues extracted the retinue-forming substance from the mandibular gland complex of egg-laying queens and separated it into several fractions, which they identified by a technique known as splitless capillary gas chromatography. Working on the assumption that the retinue response could not be evoked by the chemicals taken singly, but only in combinations, they tested worker bees by exposing them to different pairs of chemicals from the natural substance.

Five chemicals, three of them previously identified, were found to elicit behaviour similar in some ways to the full retinue response. Although none elicited the full response if used alone, when combined in an approximately natural ratio they had the same effect in inducing the retinue response, even at concentrations one ten-millionth of those found naturally.

Despite this success, much remains to be learnt. For example, in experiments in an observation frame placed outdoors in the sunshine, a colony's own queen was found to evoke a greater response than the synthetic substance.

The researchers take this to suggest there are behavioural cues which are not chemical, or pheromones not yet identified in the queen substance. They are now investigating the possibility that their five chemicals may be involved in aspects of behaviour other than recognition of the queen. These may include worker orientation during swarming, the inhibition of queen rearing, individual queen recognition and other activities controlled by the queen.

They believe the five chemicals may also help in the management and control of honey-bees.

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THE GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Governor Dukakis would beat Vice-president Bush in the November presidential election. Governor Cuomo would not. Neither would any other Democrat. This was the message of an ABC-*Washington Post* opinion poll yesterday.

Come November, Mr Dukakis could go the way of Mr Walter Mondale and Mr George McGovern. Or it could be close. The rest of the world should start thinking about a possible President Dukakis. And a possible President Dukakis should start thinking about the rest of the world.

His apparent ignorance of it will provoke the traditional censoriousness about American politicians, not just from Europeans, but from well-bred Americans. Mr Lewis Lapham, a clever and scornful American commentator on his country's foibles, says in his new book that almost no one in America expected the President of the United States to possess a working knowledge of history and geography. "It was a matter of doubt as to whether Jimmy Carter could have located Czechoslovakia on a map".

But American politicians tend to rise to office on domestic issues. There is nothing specifically American about that. It is to do with mass democracy. Much the same thing happened in Britain, with important consequences for British foreign policy, once prime ministers reached office via the mass franchise.

Neville Chamberlain also had trouble on the subject of Czechoslovakia. Mr Lapham should understand this since he quotes, in another context, Lloyd George's request to an aide during the Paris peace conference: "Refresh my memory. Is it Upper or Lower Silesia that we are giving away?"

Unlike most American politicians, Mr Dukakis speaks a foreign language (Spanish). This means he addresses the newly-important Hispanic vote in its mother tongue. If it means much else, it is something to worry about. If American politicians start addressing special groups of voters in languages unintelligible to the majority, it is one more denial of the notion of America as melting pot.

If, in the great late Nineteenth Century immigration, the newcomers had been encouraged to speak only their mother languages — if there were presidential candidates able to win their votes by orating at them in Russian, Yiddish, Polish and Italian — the United States would never attained the political unity which alone enabled it to become a great power and eventually the leading defender of the West.

Until very recently, America's rulers understood this. Early this century, President Theodore Roosevelt denounced what he called "hyphenated Americans" — Italian-Americans, German-Americans, and others who saw themselves as Italians or Germans first and Americans second. He was not against their civilisations. He was concerned to develop America's. Today, with the post-Vietnam revolt against "Wasps", Theodore Roosevelt would be denounced as an Anglo-Saxon supremacist.

America's political institutions are Anglo-Saxon in nature and origin. But they have also enabled vastly differing races to prosper and be protected. The present ethnic self-assertion could, in the next century, turn the United States into a group of warring, linguistic fiefdoms — harangued by politicians in a variety of tongues. The separatist cry would go up. Such an America would be incapable of ensuring the influence of Anglo-Saxon democracy in the world, with dire conseqeunces for Western Europe — where huddles the most vulnerable group of democracies on earth.

This nightmare is a long way from Mr Dukakis and the Hispanic vote. His chasing it in its mother tongue is mere courtesy and flattery. But that is all it should remain.

GLASNOST WITH GAPS

The verdict of the Soviet authorities on the status of Nagorno-Karabakh, the predominantly Armenian enclave administered by the republic of Azerbaijan, has been swift and uncompromising. The petition from Nagorno-Karabakh and the claim by the republic of Armenia have been rejected categorically. The two quarrelling republics have been told to restore order, and the principle that borders are fixed once and for all has been restated in a way that brooks no challenge.

All the embattled region can look forward to is an injection of state funds and an influx of outside observers. The two republican leaderships now have the authority, and the obligation, to halt new unrest — with force, it must be assumed, if that is deemed necessary. An uneasy truce will prevail. How long this holds will depend on how long the authorities can suppress both rival nationalist sentiment and the truth about it.

The difficulties involved were foreshadowed in a small way earlier this week when an Armenian journalist on the staff of *Pravda* protested to his editor about the content of an article published over his signature. The article — the first authoritative account of the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute to appear in the official Moscow media — translated the age-old ethnic and territorial dispute into the uncompromising terms of communist orthodoxy, dubbing those who wanted to change its status as extreme nationalists and enemies of communism. The journalist took exception both to the strident tone, and to the association of his name with an anti-Armenian view.

For a correspondent of the official Communist Party paper to choose his allegiance to Armenia over his loyalty to the party (or its official voice) indicates the scale of Mr Gorbachov's problem in trying to reduce tension in the Caucasus. The combination of national sentiment and the now accepted policy of *glasnost* makes ethnic unrest especially hard to control. Nagorno-Karabakh will be a test.

Ever since *glasnost* entered Mr Gorbachov's reform programme nearly two years ago, questions have been raised about its limits and its purpose. Some attribute it to a recognition that without greater freedom of information the Soviet Union will be unequal to the demands of the modern world. Others see *glasnost* as merely the means whereby Mr Gorbachov can consolidate his power: it can be used to improve the economy, expose the shortcomings of his predecessors and partially satisfy the intelligentsia — but no more.

Slowly, a pattern has emerged. *Glasnost* is applied, within limits, to pre-Gorbachov history — the more remote the period, the more extensive the *glasnost*. It is applied to *émigré* exponents of Russian culture — but only posthumously. It is applied to social and economic problems, so long as something is being done about them, and to accidents and disasters — after the event, when the limits of the damage are clear. When, as with ethnic disputes and living political critics, the happy ending is not apparent and the aftermath unpredictable and possibly uncontainable, the shutters remain closed.

With Nagorno-Karabakh, the limits to *glasnost* have become disappointingly obvious. Amateur film smuggled to the West has shown hundreds of thousands demonstrating in Yerevan; Moscow television has shown only maps. Self-appointed spokesmen for the Armenian cause have been left to fill the vacuum. Their accounts of the anti-Armenian violence in Azerbaijan, coloured perhaps by the apocrypha of earlier Armenian-Turkish encounters, are all that is available. None of this is conducive to the cause of *glasnost*, still less to the cause of truth.

The protest by *Pravda*'s Armenian journalist was just one sign that *glasnost* might break out of its containment. Armenians in the Yerevan, like Baltic and Tatar demonstrators elsewhere, have cited *glasnost* to support their cause. So far, their claim to it has been rejected. But as long as they make their claim, there is hope that the shutters on Soviet life will one day be thrown open.

TO THOSE WHO SIT AND WAIT

There is a dangerous sense of unreality about the European Community's move towards a single internal market at the end of 1992. People have been talking about this since the European Community was set up. Yet national markets of neighbouring community countries have remained as stubbornly diverse as ever, having to be treated as separate export markets as different as the United States or Japan.

The apparently simple concept of a single market involves 286 proposals by the European Commission to change national regulations and adopt Community-wide laws. These range from excise duties on lorries to drug testing and telephone plugs. Only a small fraction have yet been approved by the Council of Ministers and, as each proposal is reached, there is intense haggling between different countries, often intended to reduce the degree of harmonization that will be achieved.

It is thus understandable if managers in industry and commerce, who may be preoccupied with the impact of changes in the exchange rate over the next few weeks, regard the prospect of what will happen in 1993 as something to be left in the pending tray for a year or two. As both Lord Young and the Confederation of British Industry have discovered, that is what is happening through most of the economy.

But that is a profoundly mistaken and short-sighted approach. The single market will become as much a reality as the Channel tunnel due to be opened at that time, however distant that too seems today. It will have a much greater impact on business in Britain, as in other Community countries, than our original entry into the Common Market.

Those who do not plan now to take advantage of the opportunities will probably become victims of the planning already being conducted much more vigorously across the Channel. British firms should be taking as keen an interest in the development of the single structure and harmonized regulations as in preparing to operate under them.

The CBI's claim that firms that do not prepare risk being rapidly forced out of business is intended to shock but there is every reason to think it is true. The employers' organization is doing a vital service for its members by its campaign to show the changes that will be required, the rethinking of products, the restructuring of sales forces and much more besides.

Mr John Owens, the CBI's deputy director general, gave some striking examples of how the more imaginative firms are re-organizing themselves to face the challenge and take advantage of it. They should bring alarm to many a board room.

Those who find themselves targeted by yet another national advertising campaign will be tempted to make the usual response of setting up some departmental working party — or assigning a colleague with some spare time — to make a report on what the company needs to do to cope with this additional government-imposed burden. The contrary message of the CBI is clear. The transformation of the market in less than five year's time should be a central concern of chief executives.

The move to make the much-discussed single market of 320 million a reality has the potential to raise the rate of economic growth within the EEC, just as the breaking down of internal trade barriers has accelerated activity so often in history. In that process, there will be spectacular winners — and losers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aerosol damage to the ozone layer

From Mr Joseph Farman

Sir, It was with dismay that I read your Science Report, "Sunspot v aerosol" (March 16). The Ozone Trends Panel, convened by Nasa clearly states:

a. There has been a large, sudden and unexpected decrease in the abundance of spring-time Antarctic ozone over the last decade. Ozone decreases of more than 50 per cent in total column, and 95 per cent locally between 15 and 20 km altitude have been observed.

b. Whilst the depletion is largest in the Antarctic spring-time, ozone appears to have decreased since 1979 by 5 per cent or more at all latitudes south of 60 degrees South throughout the year.

c. The weight of evidence strongly indicates that man-made chlorine compounds are primarily responsible for the observed decrease in ozone within the polar vortex.

d. There have been decreases from 1969 to 1986 in the annual average of total column ozone ranging from 1.7 to 3 per cent, at latitudes between 30 and 64 degrees in the Northern Hemisphere. More pronounced decreases, up to 6.2 per cent, have been observed during the winter months.

e. Model calculations predict greater depletions at mid and high latitudes in winter than in summer. However, the decreases observed during the winter months are more than twice as large as those predicted.

f. The models do not have the ability to simulate the Antarctic ozone depletions, and so cannot be used to assess the possible impact of those depletions at other seasons and latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere.

I submit that these, necessarily selected, extracts are more important than the matters discussed by your columnist. The inference which I draw from these findings is that we cannot afford to be complacent about existing policy (the Montreal Protocol) for control of the emission of compounds containing chlorine or bromine.

When that protocol was signed, in September, 1987, we were told that it should "hopefully keep ozone depletion to less than 2 per cent". The protocol permits the amounts of chlorine and bromine in the atmosphere to be still increasing by the year 2000. It would appear from all available evidence that such increases are hazardous.

Yours sincerely,
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March 18.

Books that form a city's heritage

From the Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and others

Sir, The creation of the John Rylands Research Institute as a constituent part of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester was announced recently. To achieve its objectives a sum in excess of £1 million is now being sought "through sponsorship, grants and other sources".

Among the "other sources" contemplated is a sale of duplicates which arose through the merger of the John Rylands with the university library in 1972. This in itself would hardly be a matter for concern in the normal course of events but the contents of the sale, announced to take place on April 14, make nonsense of any acceptable interpretation of the term "duplicates".

Of the 98 volumes involved, 67 great rarities come from the Spencer collection — in the words of Renouard, the great 19th-century French bibliographer, "the most beautiful and richest private library in Europe" — and 23 from the library of Professor R. C. Christie, one of the university's greatest benefactors.

Both collections came into the library in 1892 and 1901 respectively, with a view to their permanent retention.

The proposed sale raises questions of trusteeship and benefaction. How can any university sell items in their trusteeship which were intended to benefit its city and locality? How far can benefactors expect their intentions and hopes to be respected? If this sale of nationally important materials goes ahead, clearly benefactors should not expect too much. At least, not from the University of Manchester. Surely the university should withdraw from this lamentable sale. It is not too late.

Yours etc,
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Emmanuel College, Cambridge,
KENYON (former Chairman,
Friends of the National Libraries),
B. BAUMFIELD, City Librarian of
Birmingham,
R. P. CARR, Librarian, University
of Leeds,
P. K. FOX, Librarian, Trinity
College, Dublin,
C. J. HUNT, Librarian, British
Library of Political & Economic
Science,
FREDERICK RATCLIFFE,
Librarian, University of
Cambridge,
D. G. VAISEY, Bodley's Librarian
University of Oxford.
Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
March 21.

Ford in Dundee

From Mr John Linsley Hood

Sir, The Transport and General Workers Union has threatened that no components produced by a "single union" Ford factory in Dundee would ever be installed in any Ford car made in this country, with the predictable result that Ford has decided to take its business elsewhere.

Does the TGWU threat extend also to such Ford components which will now be made, by non-TGWU workers, and in defiance of the union "Blue Book", in some foreign country, or is the malice of the TGWU restricted solely to British workers?

Yours faithfully,
J. LINSLEY HOOD,
Robins, Greenway,
West Monkton,
Somerset.

Mark of distinction

From Sir Duncan Watson

Sir, Mr Gerald Leach's letter today (March 19) reminds me of the time, some 30 years ago, when the growing fashion of hatlessness permitted those of us expected to parade in accepted Whitehall uniform to carry rather than wear our bowlers, at least on hot days. But they were always put on 10 yards short of the Cenotaph, so that they could be duly doffed while passing it — and then they were carried again.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN WATSON,
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Oxshott,
Surrey.

Post-16 education

From Mr Stuart Sexton

Sir, You report (later editions, March 14) the publication of a booklet, with joint authors a journalist from your sister paper, *The Times Educational Supplement*, and an Ilea official. The booklet proposes a "post-16 education authority" for inner London, after the ILEA is disbanded.

There may, or there may not, be a case for *adult education* within inner London being under one umbrella, but to suggest that *all* post-16 education should be under a new ILEA would certainly undermine the schools shortly to be administered by the individual boroughs.

"Post-16" includes the sixth forms. Schools need sixth forms both for educational and financial reasons. The present ILEA, sometimes assisted by the diocese, has been trying to close down school sixth forms and replace them with sixth-form or tertiary colleges. Excellent schools such as the London Oratory or Cardinal Vaughan would quickly wither away if they lost their sixth forms.

We do not want a new, post-16 ILEA to continue the dirty work of destroying school sixth forms.

Yours faithfully,
STUART SEXTON (Director,
Education Unit,
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Warlingham Park School,
Chelsham Common,
Warlingham,
Surrey.
March 15.

Weather eye open

From the Managing Director of Noble Denton Weather Services Ltd

Sir, In his Commentary (March 16) Digby Anderson highlighted the undesirability of the monopolistic attitude of the Meteorological Office. From my position at the head of one of the country's leading private sector meteorological companies I do, of course, give his views my wholehearted support.

Digby Anderson also makes the point that the Met Office has tried to prevent the private sector from obtaining primary data from the USA. This is certainly true, but the attempt has failed as the US sources are legitimate commercial organisations over which the Met Office has no jurisdiction.

The Met Office has chosen not to enter the data supply market and has therefore driven potential customers elsewhere. That is their choice and they are hardly in a position to complain if a competitor then buys a freely-available product from a perfectly legitimate source elsewhere.

Although the data supply market is a very competitive one the Met Office would generate some revenue by matching the products and prices offered by the US organisation. If they provide the right products at the right price then they would almost certainly win the bulk of the market for data in this country.

I have the highest respect for the technical capabilities of the Met Office. In activities such as global numerical analysis and forecasting and also in research it probably has no equal anywhere in the world. I believe that it should concentrate on those areas of excellence rather than try to provide all meteorological services to all people. To be both wholesaler and retailer is a very difficult task.

In the USA, where the market for weather services per head of population far exceeds that in this country, the National Weather Service acts as the "wholesaler" while a very large percentage of the "retail" services to end-users are provided by commercial meteorological companies.

In a small way we have started a move in that direction in this country. Just how far we can go will depend on how we satisfy our customers. They will certainly vote with their money.

Yours faithfully,
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March 18.

Costly misuse of accident units

From Dr Roger A. Saunders

Sir, I refer to your report on the cost of accidents to the NHS ("Britain's disturbing 'epidemic'", March 19, early editions) and I would agree completely with the findings of the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention to which you refer. We do need to collect more information involving visitors to our local hospitals, particularly to accident and emergency units.

Of particular concern are the findings of a study undertaken by this centre during 1986. We took details of all visits to Poole General Hospital and Weymouth District Hospital by the public. A comprehensive report is to be published soon.

It came as a surprise that over 30 per cent of visits by the public could not be regarded as an emergency. It was disturbing to note that the public call for items such as bandages, plasters and cotton wool. Nappy rashes, sweat rashes and other minor complaints, which could be effectively dealt with at GP level, were also unacceptably high, particularly during the summer months.

Because the "casualty" has arrived in the waiting room he or she has to see a doctor. Until we stop using our over-stretched accident and emergency units as we would a chemist shop not only are we wasting time and money, we are giving the impression that our accident registers contain details of genuine emergencies.

We should continue to educate the public via our health education programmes not to abuse the accident and emergency services and continue to publicise safe procedures and practices on the road, at home, at work and at all times. However, education, training and publicity programmes can only be effectively planned if they are based upon known facts rather than emotive opinion.

Whilst the police provide detailed road accident detail in a standard form of analysis and the setting of priorities by the Department of Transport and local authorities, other accident data is disappointingly scant. Dr Raffler's comments, and indeed the report of the medical commission which he chaired, are too important to go unnoticed.

Yours faithfully,
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March 21.

War memorials

From Ms Jo Darke

Sir, May I extend the boundaries of the national inventory proposed first for funerary monuments (February 24) and now (March 5) for war memorials? The third category would include statues and public memorials, which I am researching for a National Trust book. Numerous examples are catalogued, with buildings, in the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments' records, but at present the records are kept separately at county offices.

Britain has, in market squares, at street corners and on village greens, a large and underrated collection of works of art. They may be by eminent sculptors, or by local ones whose portraits are often more personal; largely of the nineteenth century, they range overall from Charles I to the present.

These portraits of our past may not be Great Art, but they deserve recognition and preservation. Local councils effect what repairs they can, some caringly, and others (to the subjects' detriment) amateurishly. Too many monuments are neglected, but in the present cold climate of "cuts", council purses have more urgent demands.

A national inventory, such as that recently undertaken by the Fountain Society, could be the first step in a preservation programme. Funerary, war and public monuments might make useful headings. Perhaps it is time to form the Monument Society?

Yours sincerely,
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March 7.

Growth of towns

From Mr Edward Bedwell

Sir, If John Young (report, March 10) believes that "a virtual halt has been imposed in the further expansion of new towns and designated growth centres like Basingstoke, Andover and Swindon" he has been very badly misinformed as far as Swindon is concerned.

The western expansion of the town is still roaring onward at full pace and a development application to build a northern expansion the size of Salisbury (30,000 people) is being put to the Minister of the Environment for approval very soon. All this at a time of decreasing local government funds for the essential infrastructure required.

In fact Swindon is facing an over-development crisis of major proportion.

Yours sincerely,
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(Chairman, Northern
Development Action Committee),
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Swindon,
Wiltshire.
March 11.

A slur on Nancy

From Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

Sir, Philip Jacobson ("The mystery of the chain-saw madame", March 18) is far wide of the mark in describing Nancy as "an unattractive industrial centre in eastern France".

The centre of Nancy provides a feast for the lover of 18th-century buildings and the Place Stanislaus is as fine as any square in France.

Yours truly,
JAUNCEY of TULLICHETTLE,
House of Lords.
March 21.

Flat out

From Dr J. G. Denholm

Sir, Mrs Mary Wood (March 21) need not be concerned about the translation of "longitudinal studies of cognitive changes in old age". Those of us in older age groups immediately recognise this statement as meaningless and that it is usually made by younger age groups to impress even younger age groups.

Yours in delightful ignorance,
JIM DENHOLM,
Gimsons,
Kings Chase,
Witham, Essex.
March 21.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 24 1897

Since the mid-17th century Crete had been under Turkish domination, which frequently provoked the Cretans to rebellion. In September, 1896, a new constitution came into effect, but the promised reforms were not fulfilled. In 1898 Prince George of Greece became high commissioner and in 1908 the Cretans voted for union with Greece

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

THE CRETAN QUESTION.

ATHENS, March 23.

A telegram from Constantinople stated that the Turkish army has received the strictest orders not to overstep the frontier, even if attacked by the Greeks. The Greek superior officers are said to be doing their utmost to control the impatience of their men, who are eager to attack. Fears are expressed that on the 25th inst. (O.S.), the day of the declaration of Greek independence, the troops may get out of hand. The Government organ, *Palingenesia*, to-night exhorts the army to obedience.

The Greek Vice-Consuls at Retimo and Heraklion have been withdrawn.

A friend who has recently arrived from Canea states that the utmost despondency prevails among the Mahomedan leaders there. Whether autonomy is established in Crete or union with Greece takes place, they regard the future with despair. With autonomous institutions they believe that they would be completely at the mercy of the Christian majority when once the forces of the Powers were withdrawn. Under union they consider that, however excellent might be the intentions of the Greek Government, there would be no affectual restraint on the ferocity of their Christian compatriots, who would not allow a large body of Greek officials to be sent to the island. The cry of "Crete for the Cretans" would soon, they say, be raised, and any vigorous interference on the part of the Greek Government would be resented. Hitherto they have depended upon Constantinople for support, and this being cut off they see nothing but absolute ruin in the future. Many of them are already reduced to destitution, and these anxieties are increased by the suspicion with which they are regarded by the Mahomedan populace, which denounces them as having betrayed their cause, and threatens to prevent them by force should they endeavour to leave the island.

There can be little doubt that, whatever the system of autonomy now set up by the Powers, the union will sooner or later become an accomplished fact. What is needed is a period of transition during which provisional arrangements could be made for the future of the Mahomedan population. That the greater number will emigrate may be regarded as certain. Any attempt to repatriate the Mahomedan peasants from the isolated villages in the interior would only prepare the way for future catastrophes. Now all are congregated in the seaport towns, and arrangements might be made to enable such of them as are willing to emigrate to Asia Minor. The refugees recently saved at Candano expressed the wish to go to Smyrna. Others, especially among the peasants, are desirous of beginning life anew in Rhodes. It would be admirable, if only to relieve the congestion at Canea, Candia and Retimo, to give as many of the Mahomedans as will accept it the opportunity of making their fortune elsewhere. A considerable portion of the population of the towns may be willing to remain, but the peasants who are the main sufferers by the successive insurrections, would probably be . . . glad to find a refuge in some other land . . .

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 23: His Excellency Mr Kazuo Chiba was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Japan to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Katsumi Sezaki (Minister), Mr Mikio Shibata (Minister, Commercial), Mr Fuichi Ezawa (Minister, Financial), Mr Hiroshi Hashimoto (Minister, Head of Chancery and Consul-General), Mr Takashi Nakamoto (Counsellor, Political), Mr Tetsuo Ito (Counsellor, Economic), Mr Keishiro Fukushima (Counsellor, Agricultural), and Captain Isaku Kyoda (Defence Attaché).

Madame Chiba had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Prime Minister of Tuvalu and Mrs Puapua had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen held a Council at 12.30 pm.

There were present: The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Kenneth Clarke, MP (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), the Right Hon John MacGregor, MP (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), the Right Hon John Major, MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury), the Right Hon Sir Murray Stuart-Smith (Lord Justice of Appeal), the Right Hon Sir Christopher Staughton (Lord Justice of Appeal) and the Right Hon Sir Michael Mann (Lord Justice of Appeal).

The Right Hon Sir Murray Stuart-Smith, the Right Hon Sir Christopher Staughton and the Right Hon Sir Michael Mann, having been previously appointed Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

At the Council The Queen pricked the List of Sheriffs for the Counties of England (other than those in the Duchy of Lancaster) and Wales.

The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

After the Council the Right Hon Kenneth Clarke, MP, had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the Royal Bank of Canada Centre, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Greville Spratt), the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Royal Bank of Canada (Mr Allan Taylor) and the Lord Thomson of Fleet (Director, Hudson's Bay Company).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the Centre and Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Farnham, Mr Kennth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning delivered the Inaugural Lecture of the Royal Society of Arts "The Future Countryside" programme at the Society's House, John Adam Street, London WC2.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, of the National Federation of Housing Associations, this evening attended a reception for HOME AID donors at the Travellers' Club, 106 Pall Mall.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) this morning opened the Flying Scot Health and Fitness Club in the Royal Scots' Club, Abercrombie Place, Edinburgh.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Dr John Mackay, the Right Hon Lord Provost), Her Royal Highness toured the Club and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Princess Royal was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Chairman of the Trustees (Mr Brian Adair).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new brewery extension of Belhaven plc, Belhaven House, Marshall Place, Perth.

The Princess Royal was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Lothian (Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt) and the Chairman of Belhaven plc (Mr Raymond Miquel).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Malcolm Wallace, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The Heir Apparent of the State of Qatar and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 23: The Prince of Wales arrived at Bristol Temple Meads Station this morning in the Royal Train and subsequently opened the new Research and Administration Building at Radiodetection Limited, Western Drive, Bristol, Avon.

His Royal Highness later opened an Exhibition to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the journey of Giraldus Cambrensis, presented by Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments, at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff.

This afternoon The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, visited the Cardiff and Vale Young Business Centre and afterwards His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, attended the All Wales Conference of Enterprise Agency Chairmen and Directors, at the Cardiff and Vale Enterprise Agency, Enterprise House, 127 Bute Street, Cardiff.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, subsequently visited the Action Centre for Employment Resources and Training (ACERT), Butetown Project, Coal Exchange Building, Mountstuart Square, Cardiff.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Cardiff City Farm, Sloper Road, Grangetown, Cardiff.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Mr Gerald Ward, the Hon Rupert Fairfax and Mr Philip Mackie, left Cardiff Heliport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Headquarters and College of the National Marriage Guidance Council, Herbert Gray College, Little Church Street, Rugby.

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Hospital of St Cross, Barby Road, Rugby.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today planted a tree in Kensington Gardens as part of the Royal Garden Hotel's project to replace trees lost after storm damage in October, 1987.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 23: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today planted trees at Valance School and Hosey Common, Westerham, and Riverhill House, Sevenoaks, Kent, as part of the "Trees for the Future" Appeal.

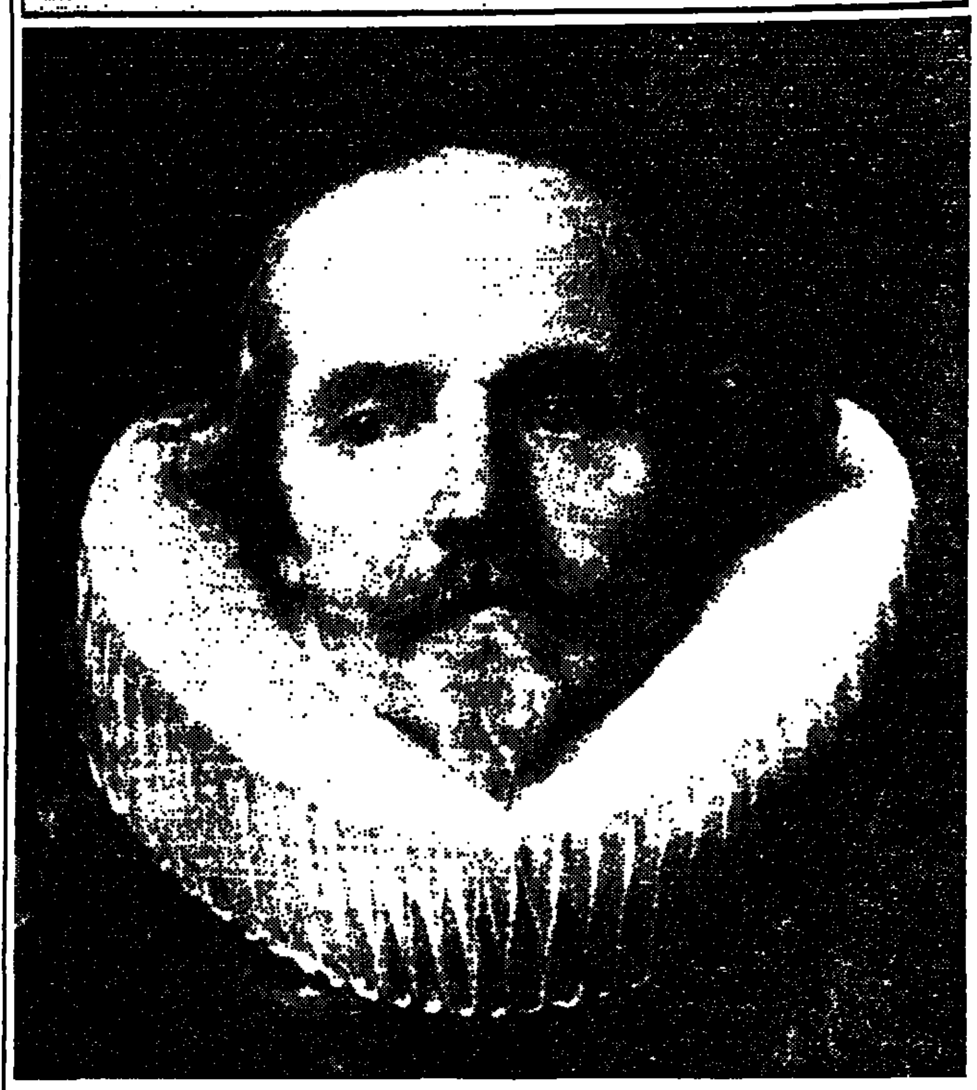
Sir Richard Buckley and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were entertained at Dinner this evening by His Excellency the Spanish Ambassador and Senora Puig de la Bellacasa at 24 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

The Prince of Wales is to become Visitor of the Glasgow School of Art.

Lady Osborn attended the service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Mark Baring held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge on Tuesday.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Sir Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641) is one of a number of foreign painters represented in the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection to have settled in London (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

This detail from the portrait of Jacques le Roy, president of the Chambres des Comptes du Brabant, was one of the last pictures executed by the artist before moving to England as court painter to Charles I.

Here is a classic study of a wealthy dignitary, resplendent in his spruce honeycomb collar and fur lined robe, painted with breathtaking virtuosity.

Most startling of all is the treatment of the face: flesh fresh and animated.

As David Ekserdjian, the author of the show's catalogue says: "Van Dyck's reputation as a flatterer is certainly not completely unjustified, and although in a case like this we have no other means of knowing what the sitter looked like, we may be inclined to wonder whether the artist did not somewhat improve on nature".

Close scrutiny shows that Van Dyck changed his mind about the composition as he went along. Pentimenti, or worn spots in the paint, show how the chair in the painting was originally parallel to the picture plane. Another intriguing detail is the letter Le Roy holds in one hand. Its contents will always remain a mystery.

Old Master Paintings from the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection is at the Royal Academy, London until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.D. Boyd
and Miss H.J. Weston
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, eldest son of the late Major General I.H.F. Boyd and of Mrs D.M. Boyd, of Grayshott, and Hilary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Weston, of Goring-on-Thames.

Mr W.S. Fox
and Miss S.M. Penwarne
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr David Fox, of The White House, Drayton, Langport, and Mrs Roslind Fox, of Haines Hill, Taunton, Somerset, and Suzi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Penwarne, of Rowan Drive, Haversham, Milton Keynes.

Mr A.N. Hellard
and Miss N.J. Read
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Hellard, of Weymouth, Dorset, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Read, of Piddlehinton, Dorset.

Mr J.H. Hill
and Miss A.J. Nettelfield
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rowland Hill, of Cardinal's Green, Cambridgeshire, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr John Nettelfield and of Mrs Jill Nettelfield, of Odiham, Hampshire.

Mr J.J. Inman
and Miss M.P. Willoughby
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs R.T. Inman, of Guildford, and Michèle, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Willoughby, of Isleworth.

Mr K.A. Jackson
and Miss E.A. Shire
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Jackson, of Hartlepool, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr B. Shire and Mrs J. Shire, of London.

Mr C.J. Lane
and Miss A.L. Dubois
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Lane, of Bramble Farm, Steeple, Essex, and Anna Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Dubois, of Woodpeckers, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

Mr S.A. Ogilvie
and Miss C. Leigh
The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Ogilvie of Kilry, Perthshire, and Christine, daughter of the Rev J.R. and Mrs Leigh, Kirkaldy, Fife.

Mr N.E. Riley
and Miss A.K.T. Walker
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs N.E. Riley, of Lindrick, Nottinghamshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.T. Walker, of Whitwell, Nottinghamshire.

Mr C.H. Swift
and Miss S.W. Leigh
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Swift and of Mrs A.G. Townsend-Rose, of Crondall, Hampshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Leigh, of Mawdesley, Lancashire.

Mr D.S. von Zeffman
and Mrs M.J. Sheehan
The engagement is announced between David Stephen von Zeffman, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Maureen Jennifer Sheehan, of 3 Meyrick Park Crescent, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr P. Zimmermann
and Miss L.R. Tile
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs F.H. Zimmermann, of St Albans, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.S. Tile, of Fifehead Magdalen, Dorset.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill held a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening. The guests were:

Mr Rupert Allason, MP, and Mrs Allason, Mr Harry Barnes, MP, and Mrs Barnes, Mr Ian Bruce, MP, and Mrs Bruce, Mr Alistair Darling, MP, and Mrs Darling, Mr Ronnie Fearn, MP, and Mrs Fearn, Mr Paul Flynn, MP, and Mrs Flynn, Mr Christopher Gill, MP, and Mrs Gill, Mr Doug Henderson, MP, Mr Ieuan Jones, MP, and Mrs Jones, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, MP, and Mrs Kirkhope, Mr David Martin, MP, and Mrs Martin, Dr Lewis Moonie, MP, and Mrs Moonie, Mr David Nicholson, MP, and Mrs Nicholson, Mr Thomas Shephard and Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, Mr David Tredinnick, MP, and Mrs Tredinnick, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, and Mrs Rathbone, Mr and Mrs Derek Dutton, Mr Jeremy Dutton and Mr and Mrs Roger Howells.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain
Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Mr John Tusa were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Assocation of Britain held last night at Gray's Inn. Mr Kaye Whiteman, president, presided. The Portuguese Ambassador, the Hong Kong Commissioner in London and Mrs Alleyne, the Assistant Secretary General at the Commonwealth Secretariat and Mrs Malhoutra and Mrs Tusa were among the guests.

Pilgrims
The Earl of Cromer presided at a dinner given by the Pilgrims at Claridge's hotel last night in honour of Mr Vernon A. Walters, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Among those present were:

The Countess of Cromer, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord and Lady Caccia, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Patrick Dean, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir David Wills, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Chant-Sempill, Mr Robert L Sigmon, Mr and Mrs Edward Streator and Mr William E Channing.

Coningsby Club
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was entertained at dinner by the Coningsby Club last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Mark Bishop presided.

Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mrs Jean Denton presided at a dinner held last night at the Marriott Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Professor L.C. Vaughan, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, gave a dinner at the Goring Hotel, Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1, last night. Among those present were:

Professor I A Silver, Mr J H Parsons, Mr J N Gripper, Mr A R W Porter, Mr Derek H Andrews, Professor R L Bell, Mr John Bower, Mr Francis Bullers, Mr C J French, Mr Roger Gale, MP, Major General J H S Majury, Mr B H Pound, Mr A G W Scott, Mr Colin Shepherd, Dr W D Tavernor and Mr E J D Warne.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the Royal Priors Shopping Centre at Leamington Spa at 11.00 and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at the Central Ammunition Depot and Army School of Ammunition at Kineton at 12.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will open the new wing at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, at 2.30.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Naval Film Corporation, will attend the annual meeting of the corporation at HMS Vincent at 11.45; and, as President of the British Sub Aqua Club and The Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability, will present snorkelling proficiency certificates to handicapped members of the Guillemot branch of the British Sub Aqua Club at the Central YMCA at 3.40.

The Princess of Wales will visit the ChildLine offices at Faraday Building, Queen Victoria Street, at 10.30.

The Duchess of York will attend the Cookery and Food Association banquet and ball at the Marriott Hotel at 7.45.

Prince Edward will attend the first annual dinner of the Saudi British Society at the Café Royal at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a council meeting and luncheon at Saddlers' Hall at 11.10; will open an exhibition of drawings by Canadian children at Canada House at 2.30; and, as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will visit the Bognor Regis Combined Cadet Division training evening at South Bursted Church Hall, Bognor Regis, at 7.00.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Vaselin Djuranovic, Member of the Presidency of Yugoslavia. Other guests were:

The Yugoslav Ambassador and Mrs Calovska, Mr Dusan Strbac, Mr Pavle Jevremovic, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, Mr Norman Fowler, MP, and Mrs Fowler, Mr John Wakeham, MP, and Mrs Wakeham, Lord Beisteau, Mr Ian Stewart, MP, and Mrs Stewart, the Right Rev Dr Duncan Shaw, Earl Jellicoe, Mr David Steel, MP, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Sir Fitzroy and the Hon Lady Maclean, Sir Douglas and Lady Wass.

Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan and Lady Morgan-Giles, Mr and Mrs L C van Wachem, Mr and Mrs D H Henderson, Mr and Mrs R N Gunn, Mr and Mrs J G Quinton, Mr Peter Fry, MP, and Mrs Fry, Mr Robert Wareing, MP, and Mrs Wareing, Mr and Mrs John Cooper, Mr and Mrs Bobby Robson, Mr and Mrs Rupert Pennant-Rea, Mr Christopher Cviic, Mr and Mrs Ivo Pogorelic, Miss Jenny Killick, Miss Lucy Neal, Mr Simon Maggs, Dr and Mrs Mark Wheeler, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Sir David and Lady Hancock, Mr A M Wood, the Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP, and Mrs Hamilton and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Carlton Club
Mr Eric Koops, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. The guest of honour and principal speaker was Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, and Mr Reginald Watts also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Lioville, mathematician, Saint Omer, France, 1809; William Morris, Walthamstow, London, 1843; Olive Schreiner, writer, author of *The Story of an African Farm*, Wittebergen, Cape Colony, South Africa, 1855.

DEATHS: Elizabeth I, reigned 1558-1603, Richmond, 1603; John Harrison, horologist, inventor of the marine chronometer, London, 1776; Paul, emperor of Russia 1796-1801, assassinated, Leningrad, 1801; Mary Tighe, poet, Woodstock, Co Kilkenny, 1810; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1844; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1882; Jules Verne, Amiens, 1905; John Millington Synge, dramatist, Dublin, 1909; Mrs Humphrey Ward, novelist, London, 1920; Enrique Granados, composer, drowned at sea, 1956; Auguste Piccard, scientist and explorer, Lausanne, 1962.

Latest wills

Countess Wavell, of Ascot, Berkshire, widow of Field Marshal Earl Wavell, Viceroy of India 1943-47, left estate valued at £302,652 net.

Mr David John **Warburg**, of Esher, Surrey, former British amateur real tennis champion, left estate valued at £230,199 net.

Mr James Bletsoe **Howells**, of London SW8, left estate valued at £1,350,101 net.

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Professor A. R. J. P. Ubbelohde

A service of memorial and thanksgiving for Paul Ubbelohde, CBE, FRS, will be held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1, at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, May 24, 1988. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets in writing to The Registrar (Protocol), 114 Mount Street, London, W1Y 6AH, enclosing a stamped addresed envelope, by Tuesday, May 10. Tickets will be posted on Tuesday, May 17. All are welcome to attend.

Barrie Heath

A thanksgiving service for the life of Barrie Heath will be held at the Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2, at noon on Wednesday, May 4. Would those wishing to attend kindly advise Mrs Elizabeth Evans, 3rd Floor, Lading House, 10-14 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9HS ?

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Hodson Thornber was baptised Antonia Faith by the Rev David Moore at the Parish Church of St Ives, Cambridgeshire, on March 19, 1988. The godparents are Mr Rupert Damerell, Dr March Enders and Lady Mary Damerell.

Reception

Daniel Smith
The partners of Daniel Smith, chartered surveyors, held a reception yesterday evening at Fishmongers' Hall. The senior partner, Mr Antony Brock, received the guests.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Colin Alexander Brodie, QC, has been elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Appointments

Mr Campbell Lester Bootham to be a Circuit Judge on the Western Circuit.

Mr Alec William Ormerod to be a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate from March 29.

Mr John Prophet to be Regional Chairman of Industrial Tribunals at Leeds from April 3.

Commodore J. F. T. G. Salt to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Senior Naval Member of the Directing Staff, Royal College of Defence Studies from May.

Sir Edward du Cann to be President of the Institute of Freight Forwarders.

Mr David Ross to be chairman of the council of the Confederation of Scottish Business Schools (CSBS), which was set up last year to promote institutions providing management education in Scotland.

Service dinner

Royal Artillery
General Sir Thomas Morony, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided at the spring dinner of officers of the Royal Artillery held last night at the RA Mess, Woolwich. The guests included Lord and Lady Trefgarne, General Sir Nigel and Lady Bagnall, Brigadier Anne Field and Brigadier Shirley Nield.

Beachborough School

The Governors of Beachborough School announce the appointment of Mr Anthony J.L. Boardman as headmaster on the departure in September 1988 of Mr Simon Carder, who is to become Headmaster of Eagle House. Mr Boardman is now Deputy Headmaster of Friars School, Ashford, Kent.

Birthdays today

Miss Barbara Daly, make-up artist, 43; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Davis, 77; Miss Jane Drew, architect, 77; Professor Stephen Elek, microbiologist and bacteriologist, 74; Mr Robert Fox, theatrical producer, 36; Mr Richard Giordano, chairman, BOC Group, 54; Professor John Hedgecoe, professor of photography, 51; Mr David Jewell, headmaster, Haileybury and Imperial Service College, 54; Sir John Kendrew, former president, St John's College, Oxford, 71; Miss Sonia Lannaman, athlete, 32; Mr Benjamin Luxon, baritone, 51; Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, author and broadcaster, 85; Judge Suzanne Norwood, 63; the Earl of Selborne, 48; Professor Dorothy Severin, professor of Spanish, 46; Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, Amstrad, 41; Mr Tommy Trinder, comedian and life president, Fulham Football Club, 79; Professor H.B. Whittington, geologist, 72.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Richard J Bewes, Rector, All Souls, Langham Place, diocese of London: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (Prebendal stall of Mapesbury), same diocese.

The Rev David J Bowen, non-stipendiary Curate, Ross-on-Wye Team Ministry, diocese of Hereford: to be Stipendiary Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Kingstone; All Saints, Clehonger; St Michael and All Angels, Eaton Bishop, same diocese.

The Rev Patrick J M Bright, Vicar, Royston, diocese of St Albans: to be also Rural Dean of Buntingford, same diocese.

The Rev Elsie Butterworth, Deacon, Church of the Ascension, Hull, diocese of York: to be Deacon, Filey, same diocese.

The Rev Terence S Byron, Priest-in-charge, St Philip, Leicester, diocese of Leicester: to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev David Clarke, Assistant Curate, St Bartholomew, Wilmslow, diocese of Chester: to be Vicar, St Thomas, High Lane, same diocese.

The Rev James P Cooper, Curate, Durrington St Symphorian, diocese of Chichester: to be Curate, Clayton St John the Baptist with Keymer St Cosmos and St Damian, same diocese.

The Rev Jan Cotman: to be Curate, Hove All Saints, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev G Martyn Collins, Team Rector, Curdworth with Castle Vale, diocese of Birmingham: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Westbury on Trym, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev Neville S Coulton-Tordoff, Assistant Curate, St Margaret's, Horsforth, Leeds, diocese of Ripon: to be the incumbent, united benefice of Langcliffe with Stainforth and Horton-in-Ribblesdale, diocese of Bradford.

The Rev Basil T Davies, Chaplain, Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, diocese of Oxford: to be Priest-in-charge, Steventon, same diocese.

The Rev Richard L Evans, Vice-Principal of The Theological College, Chichester, diocese of Chichester: to be Vicar, East Preston St Mary with Kingston, same diocese.

The Rev David with A Gregg, Principal, Romsey House College, Cambridge, diocese of Ely: to be Vicar, Haddenham with Cuddington and Kingsey with Aston Sandford, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev Michael Hardy, Curate, St James the Greater, Leicester, diocese of Leicester: to be Rector, Arnesby with Shearsby and Bruntingthorpe.

The Rev Peter W R Harrison, Team Rector, Drypool, diocese of York: to be also Area Dean of East Hull, same diocese.

The Rev Ronald G Hart, Curate, St Michael, Sittingbourne, diocese of Canterbury: to be Curate, Holy Trinity, Aylesbury, in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Southcourt, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev Anthony Hart, Rector, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, diocese of Hereford: to be Rector, Jersey, St Mary, diocese of Winchester.

The Rev Roy E Hickes, Rector, Winford and Felton, Chaplain of Winford Orthopaedic Hospital, and Rural Dean, Chew Magna, diocese of Bath and Wells: to be Chaplain for the Costa Blanca, Spain, diocese of Europe.

The Rev Patrick J B Hobson, Incumbent, Clifton-on-Tene, Lower Sapey, and the Shelsleys, diocese of Worcester: to be Team Rector designate, Waltham Abbey, diocese of Chelmsford.

The Rev Peter J Jenner, Curate, Upperby, diocese of Carlisle: to be Chaplain, Reading University, diocese of Oxford.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Bernard J B Carr, Vicar, Georgeham, diocese of Exeter: to retire on May 14.

The Rev John H Greene, Rural Dean of Petworth, diocese of Chichester: to retire on March 31; and Rector, Petworth St Mary, and Rector, Egdean St Bartholomew, diocese of Chichester, to retire on April 30.

The Rev John Featherstone, Vicar, Great Barlow, diocese of Derby: to retire in the summer of 1988.

The Rev Robert W (Jim) Cyton, Team Vicar in the Trunch Team Ministry, diocese of Norwich: to resign on July 31.

Canon Alan Mellows, Rector, Ashill with Saham Toney, diocese of Norwich: to retire on May 31.

The Rev Stanley C Nicholls, Vicar, Kirkby-in-Cleveland, diocese of York: to retire on June 1.

Canon John A Taylor, Vicar, Withyham St John the Evangelist, diocese of Chichester: to retire on April 30.

The Rev Terence G Milward, Rector, Smannell with Enham Alamein, diocese of Winchester: to retire on 30 September.

The Rev Wolfgang A R K Werwath, Vicar, Bretby and Newton Solney, diocese of Derby: to retire on June 6.

OBITUARY

DR HENRY COHEN

Development of the jet engine

Dr Henry Cohen, life fellow of Queens' College, and lecturer in the department of engineering Cambridge University from 1954 to 1981, died in Canberra on March 9 from injuries received in a road accident. He was 66.

During the war he was one of the team of able young engineers who laid the foundations of the new technology of aircraft gas turbines and jet engines.

Henry Cohen was born in Swansea on September 29, 1921, and educated at Swansea Grammar School, from which he entered St Catharine's College, Cambridge, as an Exhibitioner, in 1939. He took the wartime Mechanical Sciences Tripos in 1941 and went to the Royal Aircraft Establishment, where he was assigned to the new gas turbine division.

His work on the behaviour of fast-moving streams of gas flowing in ducts and combustion chambers led to an analysis of the effect of heat addition to a high-speed flow in a duct. His original research was important in the development of after-burners and ramjets.

Spurred by the need to catch flying bombs, a project was started to increase the thrust of the RAF Meteor's jet engines by burning fuel in the jet pipe after the turbine. As the war ended, Cohen had carried this after-burner project to the flight stage.

In 1946 he went as a lecturer in mechanical engineering to King's College, Newcastle. His lectures on gas turbines led in 1951 to the publication, with G. F. C. Rogers (also of the RAE), of *Gas Turbine Theory*, which has gone into several editions.

After moving to Cambridge in 1954 he continued his research on turbine blade cooling and on new aspects of heat transfer — to liquid metals, to non-Newtonian fluids and through metal-to-metal joints.

He was a consultant to a number of turbine manufacturers.

Henry Cohen was renowned for the clarity and humour of his lectures. He brought a sense of fun to his teaching and to the combination room of his college, which he served as Junior Bursar and in other capacities, one of which was as croquet champion.

He took early retirement from his lectureship in 1981 to spend his time on building a house and a swimming pool.

He is survived by his wife, with whom he had worked at the RAE, two sons and a daughter.

REV DONALD LEE

The Rev Donald Lee, MBE, one of the great ecumenical figures of the Methodist Church, died on March 21 at St Albans, where he was an ecumenical chaplain at St Albans Cathedral. He was 76.

He was president of the Methodist Conference in 1973 and Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in 1975/6.

Donald Rathbone Lee was educated at Stockport Grammar School and Handsworth College, Birmingham, and his first circuit appointment was at Greenock, in 1935.

During the war he was an Army chaplain, latterly senior chaplain, 1st Infantry Division. He received his MBE for his work in setting up Friendship Houses for troops in the Middle East.

An appointment which gave him great influence was to the Wesley Memorial, Oxford, a post that carried with it duties as a students' chaplain.

In the affairs of the Methodist Church his best-known contribution was as convener of a committee in the early 1970s which gave the laity greater representation on church committees.

He was devoted to the cause of ecumenism. The breakdown a few years ago of the Anglican-Methodist discussions was a bitter disappointment to him.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

MAJ-GEN JOHN WOODROW

Major-General John Woodrow, MBE, Director of Army Security from 1973 to 1978, has died at the age of 68.

Albert John Woodrow was born at Nottingham on June 3, 1919, educated at High Storrs and Sheffield University and commissioned into the Royal Signals in 1940.

He served in North-West Europe and in Burma during the war, when he was mentioned in despatches. After the war he became a member of the British Services Mission to Burma, where, in 1949, he and his family were captured by the Karen rebels and held for several weeks.

After their release they returned to England and he was made an MBE.

Woodrow later served with the Canadian Army, at Rivers, Manitoba, and with the British Army on the Rhine. He commanded 1st Division Signals Regiment from 1961 to 1963, when he went as a member of the British Army Staff in Washington. In 1965 he returned to Catterick to command the Training Brigade Royal Signals.

From 1968 to 1970 he was Army Director of Public Relations, and from 1970-3 General Officer Commanding Wales. He was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Corps of Signals from 1970 until 1977.

He married, in 1944, Elizabeth Prestige, younger daughter of the late Sir John Prestige, who survives him with their daughter and two sons.

BILLY BUTTERFIELD

Billy Butterfield, American jazz trumpeter, who recorded with Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman and Lester Young, died in Florida on March 18. He was 71.

Charles William Butterfield, born on January 14, 1917, at Middletown, Ohio, joined the band of Bob Crosby and Bob Haggart at the age of 19, and enjoyed his first success when he was featured on a Haggart tune called "I'm Free", later retitled "What's New".

In the early 1940s he appeared with the popular big bands led by Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and Les Brown before, in 1945, briefly and unsuccessfully embarking on an adventure as the leader of his own orchestra.

Thereafter, his lucid, spirited trumpet style, deeply influenced by Armstrong, kept him in demand as a featured soloist, contributing to recordings by Tommy Dorsey, Eddie Condon, Ray Conniff, and many others.

For some years in the late 1960s and early 1970s he was part of an ensemble known as the World's Greatest Jazz Band, whose ludicrous marketing-man's title did not prevent it from making worthwhile music in a series of recordings and international tours.

PERCY THROWER

Biddy Baxter, Editor, Blue Peter, writes:

Your obituary of March 19 gave the impression that Percy Thrower's distinguished broadcasting career ended in 1976 after a disagreement with the BBC concerning a television commercial.

This is not so. Percy became *Blue Peter*'s gardener in 1974 and remained so until his death. He made over two hundred broadcasts from the garden he designed for us at Television Centre, and his enthusiasm and expertise inspired a whole new generation of gardeners.

Children related to his grandfatherly figure and his mischievous sense of humour, and his fan mail equalled that of many pop stars.

Percy's last television appearance was filmed only ten days ago, in hospital. It was typical of his grit and determination that, in spite of his illness, he put the viewers first. We are proud to have worked with a very great man.

Miss Katherine Davies (aged 9) writes:

In your obituary of Percy Thrower you did not mention all the work he did for the *Blue Peter* programme teaching children all about gardening.

I and many other children all over the country have enjoyed the many interesting things we have learnt.

Mrs Venetia Pollock, who has died at the age of 55, was a book editor whose skill at recasting historical and biographical books made complex material available to a much wider readership.

Educated at Cambridge, she worked for a time for Secker & Warburg, the publishers. She mastered the difficult techniques of literary carpentry, but always with a deep respect for authors, so that her suggestions were rarely resented. Politicians who found her help indispensable included Lord ("Rab") Butler, Lord Eccles and Airey Neave.

At one time she ran a bookshop at Primrose Hill, which gave her an added understanding of readers' attitudes to books.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

Major-General Sir Cecil Smith, KBE, CB, MC, War Office Director of Supplies and Transport from 1948 to 1951, died on March 22. He was 91.

General Bruce C. Clarke, the US Army commander-in-chief in Europe during the tense time of the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, has died, at the age of 86.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.
Hebrews 10.16

BIRTHS

ARDING - On March 19th, to Angela (nee Dean) and Nicholas, a son, Sebastian Nicholas Peter.

BATT - On February 28th, to Melissa (née Harrold) and David, a daughter Sophie Clementine, a sister for Chloë.

DUNK - On March 22nd, in London, to Rosemary and David, a daughter Eleanor Janet.

GREEN - On March 22nd 1988, to Melanie (Nee Andrews) and Douglas, a son Jonathan David Edward, a brother for Marcus.

GRIST - On March 20th, at Mount Alvernia, to Stephen and Jacqueline, a son, George Carlyle, a brother for Fiona, Alexander, Ewan and Benjamin.

HARDIE - On March 19th, 1988, at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Sally and Alistair, a son, Peter Justin.

HOGAN - On March 14th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Annette (née Howes-Bassett) and Michael, a daughter Emma Rosemary Ashelford, a sister for Marie-Louise.

JONES POWELL - On March 19th, at Brecon Hospital, to Gloria and David, twins, Lucy Mary and William John.

KINCHIN-SMITH - On March 12th, to Caroline (nee Harris) and John, a son, Samuel John, a brother for Joseph and Eleanor.

MACPHERSON - On March 18th, to Monica (nee Lancashire) and John, a son, Hugh Lawrence, a brother for George.

MOWBRAY - On March 22nd, in Guernsey, to Susie and Mike, a daughter, Caroline, a sister for Julian and Henry.

PEILE - On March 21st, to Sylvia and Robin, a son, Bertram, a brother for Emily and Maxwell.

ROBARTES - On March 9th, in Cape Town, to Rowena (nee Hersov) and Wyndham, twin daughters.

STORER - On March 15th, at home, to Patricia and David, a daughter, Olivia Frances, a sister for Hugh.

WISEMAN - On March 23rd 1988, in Perth, Western Australia, to Gabrielle and John, a daughter, Amy Mary.

DEATHS

BARKER - On March 21st, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Joan, the dearly loved wife of Barry, greatly loved mother of Jackie, Gillian and Geraldine and a devoted grand-mother. Funeral on Friday March 25th at Easton Parish Church, Winchester at 10.45am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired, maybe sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, 61 Dern Gate, Northampton, NN1 1VE.

BEAUMONT - On March 22nd 1988, peacefully at Capel nr Folkestone, Dorice aged 96 years. Dearly loved mother of Arthur (Tim) deceased, Stella, Everilde and Anne. Loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, Kent on Wednesday March 30th at 11.30am. enquiries to Hambrook & Johns Ltd, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent.

BERENT - On March 19th 'Berry' of Bletchingley, Surrey. Cherished husband of Daphne, devoted father and grandfather. Cremation private. Donations in his memory to Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, East Grinstead.

BREEZE - On March 20th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Douglas Ernest, much loved brother and uncle. Funeral service at Cheshunt Free Church at 2pm on March 29th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent to The Stroke Campaign, Tavistock House, North Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

CARNEGIE - On March 22nd 1988, peacefully, Donald Carnegie, devoted husband of the late Marjorie, much loved father of David, John, Michael, Peter and Joey, grandfather and great grandfather. Private family funeral at his request.

CAWDRON - On March 22nd peacefully in Kenwood Nursing Home, Arthur Blackburn (Blackie), aged 82, much loved husband of Betty and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium at 1.50 pm on Tuesday March 29th. Flowers to W. Cooksey and Son Ltd, 190 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, London N10.

FIELD - On March 20th 1988, suddenly in Eastbourne Sussex, Elizabeth, aged 79 years. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday March 30th at 3.30 pm.

FRANKLIN - On March 23rd, at University College Hospital, Jill aged 59, dearly beloved wife of Norman Franklin. Mother of Sally, Andrew, Tom and Sam, grandmother of Miriam. Cremation at Golders Green crematorium on Monday March 28th at 2pm.

GORDON - On March 22nd, peacefully, Katherine, widow of the late R.D.L. Gordon, beloved mother of Anne, grandmother of Adam and Piers, and great grandmother of Alexander and Clio. Private funeral, no flowers, any donations to Cancer Research.

GRAHAM - On March 22nd, 1988, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, Rosemary, darling wife of David, of 9 Vine Rd, SW13. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Monday March 28th, 1988 at 2.30 pm at St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane, SW15. Followed by cremation at Putney Vale. No flowers please but donations to British Association of Myasthenics, Keynes House, 77 Nottingham Rd, Derby DE1 3QS.

HOLGATE - On March 18th, 1988, in Southampton, Matthew, friend of Elizabeth and many others.

HOWORTH - On March 19th 1988, in an Eastbourne Nursing Home, Nancy Denise (Bobbie). Dearest daughter of the late Tom and Alice Howorth of Chislehurst and a dear aunt and great aunt. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday March 29th at 2.00 pm. Flowers or if prefered donations to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o Haine and Son Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, Sussex.

LEE - On March 21st, At St. Albans, Hertfordshire, The Rev. Donald Rathbone Lee, MBE, BD, dearly loved husband of Olive, father of Nora, Janet, Martin, Alice and Philip and papa to all his grandchildren. Funeral service at Marlborough Road Methodist Church on the 29th of March at 2.30 pm., followed by family cremation. Family flowers only, donations to MHA Letchworth Challenge, c/o PHILLIPS FUNERAL SERVICES LTD, 68 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3BL.

LEHMKUHL - On March 22nd, peacefully in Romsey, Hants, Gwynneth Dorothy, formerly of Tadworth, Surrey, widow of Herman Lehmkuhl. Funeral service at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel), on Tuesday March 29th, at 2.30pm. Flowers may be sent to: A.H. Cheater Funeral Directors, Romsey.

MOLINS - On March 22nd 1988, after a brief illness, Desmond Walter CBE, much loved husband of Barbara. Cremation Friday March 25th, 2.30pm at Golders Green. no flowers.

ORPWOOD - On March 21st, peacefully at home in Bristol, Lilian Margaret, last remaining daughter of the Rev. Edward Forbes of Clevedon in her 86th year, much loved wife of Warren Orpwood and mother of Graham and Jean. Funeral service at St Peter's, Henleaze, Bristol, Thursday March 24th at 3.30pm, followed by cremation at Canford Crematorium. Donations if desired to The Church Missionary Society.

PETERS - On March 21st, John Maurice Findlay of Newtown Road, Warsash. Loved husband of Ellen, father of Susan, Colin, Nicholas and Grandfather to Pandora and Sophie. Funeral Service at St Marys, Hook-With-Warsash at 3pm on Friday March 25th. Flowers or if preferred donations to King Edward VII Hospital c/o A H Freemantle Funeral Directors, Titchfield.

POLLOCK - On March 23rd 1988, peacefully at Beck after a long illness so courageously borne, Venetia, deeply loved wife of Philip and mother of Francesca, Adam and Matthew. Funeral at Beaulieu Abbey Church on Friday 25th March at 2 pm, to be followed by the burial at Beaulieu Cemetry. Flowers to S W House & Sons, 35, St Thomas Street, Lymington, Hampshire.

REYNOLDS - On March 21st, peacefully in hospital, David, aged 78. Dearly loved husband of Gwen, loving father of Sian and John, and much missed grandfather and father in law. Funeral service at Peterborough Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 29th at noon.

SHELLEY - On March 22nd, Lilian Shelley peacefully in her 90th year widow of KE Shelley Q.C., and beloved mother of John and Anthea. Cremation at Barham 10am, Friday 25th March. No flowers please.

SMITH - On March 22nd, at home, aged 91 years, Major-General Sir Cecil Smith K.B.E., C.B., M.C., husband of Isabel, father of Elizabeth and Johanna. Funeral service on Monday, March 28th at The Church of St Michael and St. George, Aldershot, at 2 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be sent to R.A.S.C/ R.C.T. Benevolent Fund.

SMITH - On March 19th, suddenly, Rachael Elizabeth (Betty) Smith M.B.E. of Harcourt Close, Bishopthorpe, York. Dearly loved and loving sister of Nancy Turner and Katherine Fletcher, dear Aunt of Susan, Richard, Jeremy, Nigel and Rachael. Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church Micklegate, York, Friday March 25th at 10.45 followed by Cremation at York Crematorium at 11.30. Friends please accept this intimation and meet at the church. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Christian Aid. Any enquiries please contact: J. Sheard Funeral Directors, Tel 0924 492219.

STEPTOE - On March 21st, peacefully in hospital, Patrick Steptoe C.B.E., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. much loved husband of Sheena and father of Sally and Andrew. Funeral service at Bourn Church, Bourn, Cambridge on Wednesday March 30th, at 12 noon. Donations if desired to The Steptoe-Edwards Trust.

SUTHERLAND - On March 18th, 1988, suddenly at her London home, Mary Lockhart, elder daughter of the late Mr & Mrs William Sutherland of Edinburgh. Funeral at Golder's Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Friday March 25th at 1.50 pm. No flowers please at her request.

TELFORD - On March 22nd 1988, peacefully James Ian Telford dearly loved husband of Kathleen. Requiem Mass at Halesworth Catholic Church on Monday March 28th at 11.30am. No flowers but if desired donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

TIDDEMAN - On March 19th, at Farnham Hospital, Rachel Spenser, aged 91, second daughter of the late R.H. Tiddeman and formerly of Tekels Park, Camberley. Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Crematorium, Bracknell, on Tuesday, March 29th. No mourning.

WHITE - On March 20th, suddenly as the result of a tragic accident in Wales, Peter (Chalky), beloved son of Dr. John and Grace White and brother of Tom of Romsey, Hampshire. Funeral service at Romsey Abbey, on Monday March 28th, at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Southampton Crematorium, East Chapel, at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Operation Raleigh, may be sent to: A.H. Cheater Funeral Directors, Romsey.

WOODWARD - On March 13th, 1988, John Owen. Cremation at Stourbridge Crematorium, Tuesday March 29th at 2.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COHEN - A Service for Nat Cohen will be held at the New West End Synagogue, St. Petersburgh Place, London W2 on Monday March 28th at 6.00pm.

DRAKE - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Camilla Drake, will be held at 2.30pm on Friday April 8th, 1988, at Winchester Cathedral. Donations if desired to: 'Wishing Well Appeal,' for Gt. Ormond St. Hospital, to: Midland Bank Plc, P.O. Box 230, 8-10, Cooper's Row, London EC3N 2BD.

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General Charity : The Buttle Trust
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. Copies can be obtained from them at St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX (ref: 313007-A/1-LA).

LEGAL NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Governors will be held at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, Streatham, London SW16 3JB, at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25th May 1988, to transact the following business:-
1. To confirm the election of President.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1987.
3. To elect Members of the Board of Management in place of those retiring by rotation. In accordance with Clause 5 of the Charter the following Members of the Board retire by rotation. Being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.
Mr. R. Briggs
Miss E.D. Haworth
Mrs. R.E. Vernon
Mr. M. Vinter
4. To appoint Auditors.

LEGAL NOTICES

MOSS PRODUCTS (MACCLESFIELD) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB on Thursday 31st March, 1988 at 12 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Statements of claim, and proxy forms if applicable must be lodged at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB not later than 4.00 p.m. on the 30th day of March 1988.
Michael J. Isaacs FCA, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Partners, at the above address will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably required until the day of the meeting.
Dated this 18th day of March, 1988
By Order of the Board
B SELLARS - DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
PEPI'S KITCHEN LIMITED
MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Peter Richard Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messr Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 17th March 1988.
Dated this 17th day of March 1988
P R COPP - LIQUIDATOR
Note:
This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full.

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RULE 4.106 (1)
THE RAVIOLI COMPANY LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Peter Richard Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messr Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 17th March 1988.
Dated this 17th day of March 1988
P R COPP - LIQUIDATOR
Note
This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full.

LONGCLIFF LIMITED
Passed the 16th day of March 1988
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company, duly convened and held at 1 Maddox Street, London W1R 9WA on the 16th day of March 1988 the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed:-
That is has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind-up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that JOHN WILLIAM PAPI of J W PAPI & CO 1 MADDOX STREET LONDON W1R 9WA be and he is hereby nominated Liquidator for the purposes of the winding-up.
M.A. KESHAVJEE - CHAIRMAN

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL
SECURITIES (MANAGEMENT) LIMITED
Registered Office, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW.
Principal Trading Address,
36 Dover Street, London W1.
Company No. 1089084.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW on Tuesday 29 March 1988, at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, ie:-
1. To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint a Liquidator.
3. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee.
No creditor may vote who has not lodged a proof of debt at 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW, together with a proxy if required, not later than 4.00 pm on 28th March 1988.
The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs: John Parry Richards, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW (Telephone: 01-405 8799. Please ask for Mr Nutting).
Dated this 10th day of March 1988
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J SEYMOUR - DIRECTOR

COLEBROOK SECURITIES LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number : 1976868
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF COLEBROOK SECURITIES LIMITED
On 16 March 1988 the above-named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by the 20th day of April 1988. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that on 4 May 1988 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 20 April 1988, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Dated this 16th day of March 1988
C G Bird, Liquidator

NICKELSTORE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1996, that a MEETING of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (Second Floor), London W2 6LF on Wednesday the 30th day of March 1988, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq. Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors (free of charge with such information as to the company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 29th March 1988.
Dated the 16th day of March 1988
B. NATHAN - Director

RE: RADROSE LTD
AND
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA, on Monday the 28th day of March 1988, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 34 Marlborough Road, Forest Gate, London E7, between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 24th March 1988.
Dated this 15th day of March 1988
Param Deep Kaur - Director

J. FLACK LIMITED
Registered number: 670311. Nature of business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 9 March 1988. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Prestwich Holdings PLC.
Martin Fishman and John Talbot
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder No.
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J. Talbot - 2731.
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London WC2R 2NT

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 2075521. Name of Company: Contibel (1987) Company. Nature of business: Investment Company. Type of liquidation: Members. Address of registered office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW. Liquidators name and address: Ian Peter Phillips of 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Date of appointment: 29 February 1987. By whom appointed: The Company.
Date: 11 March 1988
I P Phillips - Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF CONTIBEL
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before 30 April 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned I.P. Phillips FCA, of Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
11 March 1988
I.P. Phillips, Liquidator

BREMAR HOLDINGS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 592 and 594 of the Companies Act 1985 that a General Meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at The Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, WC1 on Wednesday, 30 March 1988 at 3.00 pm for the following purposes:-
1. To receive the resignation of Clive Richard Sherling as Liquidator and to appoint a Liquidator or Joint Liquidators to fill the resulting vacancy.
2. To have an account laid before them of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and of hearing how the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of to date.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged with the Liquidator at P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT not later than 4pm on the day before the meeting.
C.R. SHERLING - LIQUIDATOR
Dated: 15 March 1988

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members)/(Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 1939597. Name of company: Studio yarns Limited. Address of registered office: 17/18 Dover Street, London W1X 3PB. Liquidators name and address: David Julian Buchler, 17/18 Dover Street, London W1X 3PB. Date of appointment: 15 March 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.
D J Buchler - Liquidator
Date: 15/3/88.

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THE ARTS

Mother crusher

They say in Poland that the best views of Warsaw are from the top of the Palace of Culture, because that is the only place in Warsaw from which you cannot see the Palace of Culture. This hideous, dominating monument, a gift to Poland from Stalin and the Soviet Union, is a constant presence in the books of Tadeusz Konwicki, where it represents the presence of Russia at the heart of the Polish experience. Konwicki, in his banned novel *A Minor Apocalypse*, has dared to break a taboo of 30 years in speaking about Russia's domination of Polish thinking.

TELEVISION

A powerful profile in *Bookmark* (BBC2) set up for us a portrait of Konwicki as a dissident, proscribed writer: the official view from a Communist writer was that though his writing had strength, it was fatally weakened by his negative "expressions of resentment". But having established this picture, the programme was then able to reveal Konwicki's past as a committed believer in Socialist Realism, whose work in the early 1950s included *At The Construction Site*, a much-praised novel about the Party as engineer of human souls. Konwicki's disillusion set in, as with so many of his contemporaries, in 1956, and in the '60s his signatures on some anti-repression protest letters led to his expulsion from the Party.

In March 1968 he was denounced along with other writers, and has since worked underground, most of his books being published illegally. His description of isolation — "My telephone stopped ringing; I had fewer friends" — is uncannily similar to that of artists like Shostakovich in Russia: the isolation is combined with a certain stature which makes the authorities unwilling to interfere further, leaving them to hope that freezing the creative artist out of the system will stifle him. But that never happened with Shostakovich, and it seems unlikely to Konwicki.

William Holmes

David Robinson discovers Spielberg dwelling over-long on the tribulations of a British boy caught up in the fall of Shanghai

Slow setting of the sun

CINEMA

Empire of the Sun (PG)
Warner West End, Screen on the Green, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue

Moonstruck (PG)
Plaza 2

Hollywood Shuffle (15)
Metro, Ritzy

The Princess Bride (PG)
Plaza 4, Cannons Oxford Street and Haymarket, Screen on the Hill

Asterix in Britain (U)
Cannon Tottenham Court Road

One boy's war: hoping to be reunited with his parents, Jim Graham (Christian Bale) tries to surrender as the Japanese forces march into Shanghai

In Empire of the Sun, two masters of science fiction revert to historical reality. Steven Spielberg (whose craving to be serious was first embarrassingly manifested in *The Color Purple*) brings to the screen J.G. Ballard's autobiographical novel about boyhood during the occupation of Shanghai and in a *Japanese prison camp*.

Eleven-year-old Jim Graham is suddenly snatched from his privileged life among the top people in the British community when he is separated from his parents in the chaos of the evacuation. In Soochow Creek camp he is befriended by a scavenging American merchant seaman (John Malkovich) who teaches him to hustle, and an upright British doctor (Nigel Havers) who teaches him Latin. In four years the polite little schoolboy grows into the camp wheeler-dealer.

Jim is a finely rounded characterization, and Christian Bale's performance renews amazement at the integrity of which the best child actors are capable. While he toughens and hardens and has his first brushes with death and sexuality, he still retains a residue of boyishness — fascination with new words and phrases (he pompously calls the camp his "University of Life"); romantic dreams of *flight and flyers (without prejudice* he admiringly salutes the *kamikaze* pilots taking off from the adjoining airfield).

Perhaps the success of Spielberg and scriptwriter Tom Stoppard in entering Jim's mind is at the same time a handicap, for the grownups appear as if through the child's limited vision. Malkovich's American shyster, Havers's kindly doctor, Miranda Richardson as a sickly fellow-inmate, Emily Richard and Rupert Frazer as Jim's parents, seem always on the verge of becoming fully-fledged characters, yet stay to the end unrealized and two-dimensional. This lands the weight of the film on Christian Bale's small shoulders; and the strain is too great: there are some wearisome passages in the long 153 minutes.

Spielberg is above all a creator of spectacle and visions, and these provide the best parts of the film: the vast chaos of the evacuation of Shanghai (shot in a city today *largely unchanged*); the romantic back-lighting of the Japanese flyers, recalling *E.T.*; the stadium surreally filled with the booty of war; the bombardment of the camp.

There is the poignant sense of a world destroyed as the starving inmates listen over the camp radio to the voice of Elisabeth Welch singing "A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square".

Norman Jewison's **Moonstruck** must be one of the nicest, quietest, most civilized films ever to rocket to the top of the box-office charts (it has taken more than three times as much as *Empire of the Sun* in the same period), and win six Oscar nominations into the bargain. It has the grace of an early Bergman romantic comedy; and it is little wonder that when the octogenarian Feodor Chaliapin II, who acts in it, read John Patrick Shanley's script he is alleged to have said he did not think it was a comedy, but something on the lines of Chekhov.

Like many of the best works, it starts with the simplest elements: a colourful ethnic setting — a Bronx Italian community — and a tale of a woman who falls helplessly in love with the brother of her absent fiancé. Norman Jewison takes all the predictables and assembles them with the elegance of a musical composition. Music plays a major role: the film is framed by Dean Martin's interpretation of "Amore"; and between, the action is commentated by *La Bohème*.

The film is an essay on love in all its forms, with its ecstacies and frustrations and power to confuse and make us fall for the wrong people: "Love don't make things nice. Love *ruins* everything." chafes the anguished hero. Shanley's dialogue, with an acute ear for the idiom of Little Italy, is wise, witty, sometimes attractively whimsical. He creates characters, even the smallest bit parts, of marvellous substance.

To realize these characters, Norman *Jewison has assembled* a faultless ensemble, who wholly subsume themselves into the Italo-American world. Cher is beautiful, vibrant and funny, and the extraordinary Nicholas Cage smouldering and angry, as the couple who rediscover passion just when they have both given up love as a lost cause. The lugubrious Vincent Gardenia and Olympia Dukakis — weary, resigned and wonderful — are Cher's parents, themselves stirred to give love a second chance.

The denouement is engineered in a climactic breakfast-table scene, where all the characters come together and, again, the elements of farce are metamorphosed into rich human comedy. It is one of those rare films which gets everything right — not least the fluid camerawork of the British cinematographer David Watkin, an Oscar-winner for *Out of Africa*.

Hollywood Shuffle is an inventive, carefree, vital comedy which is all the more sympathetic since its producer-director-writer-star Robert Townsend raised part of its tiny budget on his credit cards. There is evidently more than a touch of autobiography in the tribulations of the sparky black hero looking for work as an actor in Hollywood, and finally rebelling against the stereotypes ("We'll never play Rambos till we stop playing Sambos").

It takes free flight through misadventures and wild fantasies, the best of which is the dramatic academy run by whites to train black actors in the arts of shuffle, jive and talking "dem-'n-dose".

An explanation for **The Princess Bride** failing to quite hit the mark could be that it does not know where it is aiming. William Goldman has adapted his own modern-idiom fairy tale (written for his children and published in 1974) with its mixture of European romance and New York Jewish eccentrics and one-liners. The director, Rob Reiner, injects further admixtures of Irish locations, English zany (comic cameos by Peter Cook and Mel Smith) and plain Hollywood (Peter Falk, Wallace Shawn, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon).

In a classic tale of true love overcoming the obstacles of the wicked. Robin Wright's Princess Buttercup is a pretty blank, but Cary Elwes makes a pleasant old-fashioned swashbuckler, rather like the young David Niven. The most appealing characters are Mandy Patinkin, as a seedy Spanish adventurer, and the genial André the Giant as his colossal side-kick. Billy Crystal and Carol Kane as wizened yiddisher wizards provide a treasurable scene.

Asterix the Gaul, the cartoon creation of René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo, has lately moved into animated feature films and, in **Asterix in Britain**, replays the Roman invasion. Directed by Pino Van Lamsweerde and perfectly dubbed into English, the animation is energetic if not subtle and the narrative coherent and satirical.

A dragon killer

RPO/Ashkenazy
Festival Hall

The time-honoured "overture, concerto, symphony" format for a concert is fine as long as the overture bit does not become the musical equivalent of net practice before the big match. Rarely are overtures played with the conviction that Vladimir Askenazy found here for Beethoven's *Coriolan*.

He went at it like a man trying to slay a dragon with a piledriver, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra responded with some magnificently beefy playing. In recent years, a crisper view of orchestral Beethoven usually prevails (and Ashkenazy did let the pace slip here). But this was the first time I have heard him conduct Beethoven as cogently and convincingly as he plays it at the keyboard.

In this sort of mood the performers should have continued with the apocalyptic visions of Mahler's Sixth. In fact the symphony was Mahler's Fourth — a searching test of technique and cohesion, nevertheless, for all its "child-like" naivety.

Overall it was a creditable effort. The strings managed the stratospheric lines of the slow movement with hardly a hitch, and much of the woodwind playing was boldly characterized.

"If I were Ashkenazy's son, I would take up darts, hairdressing . . . anything except piano-playing. Vovka Ashkenazy ventured (under father's baton) to play Mozart's little Rondo in D, K382, and Franck's Symphonic Variations. If only some of that bravado had illuminated his playing!

Richard Morrison

CONCERTS

Dmitri Alexeev
Queen Elizabeth Hall

It is 13 years since the Russian pianist Dmitri Alexeev won his first prize at Leeds and he has settled nicely into regular — if still too infrequent — visits to Europe in general and London in particular. If his presence is reassuring, though, there is nothing cosy about his playing.

The last five years have seen a consolidation of performing traits which make his playing so distinctive: the bear-like crouch over the keyboard, covering and amassing clusters on notes; the warm resonance of the quietest figuration; the approach to the piano primarily as a reverberating rather than a percussive instrument.

Interpretatively, there are always surprises. Not without a hint of cunning musical stage management, Alexeev positively sidled into his first Brahms Rhapsody, playing on the audience's sense of eager expectation only to gobble up voraciously the arching first subject of the second G-minor work.

Game-playing was left behind in the central Beethoven.

Alexeev: always surprises

The Op 111 began with a firmness of tread within its harmonic uncertainty which was to work itself out in octaves of springing counterpoint, as fanciful in imagination as it was strong in intellect.

The Arietta breathed the air of another planet. Like those strange moments of suspended tonality in the Ninth Symphony, the theme itself seemed to hang in the air through Alexeev's minutely heard weighing and placing of each note within each chord.

Alexeev built and released tension throughout its long span in such a way as to be constantly searching out new context, new environment for its theme.

Pacing is all, too, in Schumann's mighty *Etudes Symphoniques*. Alexeev made of it a vast work-in-progress of dismantling and reconstruction, lit with moments of sudden clarity and gentle dissolution, before two provocatively idiosyncratic Chopin encores.

Hilary Finch

Finding Cymbeline's magic

THEATRE

Cymbeline
Pit

I was less than smitten by Bruce Alexander's production when it appeared at The Other Place last November, and it is a pleasure to report that the old RSC magic has been at work on the show in the time between its Stratford and London openings.

Originally, its most visible aims were to surrender to the romance, farce, horror, or whatever other line the play happened to be pursuing, and to get through its expositions and recaps at top speed. The general impression was of a production at the mercy of a famously hybrid text, including what Johnson called the "unresisting imbecilities" of its last act. You could say the same of the London version, with the difference that, instead of being dragged along in the play's wake, it is now powerfully in command, pushing all the unrelated elements to the expressive limit so as to make a virtue out of incompatibility. No one is ever going to reveal *Cymbeline* as a masterpiece of stylistic coherence; but what can be done, as Alexander shows, is to reveal each separate part as robust enough to withstand the critical proximity of the others.

To start with the supposedly unplayable last act, we have an avalanche of family coincidences, the awe of Arthurian legend, a heart-stopping lovers' reunion, and the running gag of an old king who cannot grasp what is going on. On the Pit stage, this apparently chaotic jigsaw is put through a decisive series of gear-changes, in which the spirit of fairy tale is simultaneously evoked directly and satirized. David Bradley's Cymbeline, twitching and blinking like *an ancient bird* startled out of a long sleep, responds to each bit of good news with irritable mutters of "what's going on?", "new matters yet?" which had the house falling about. But this interferes not in the least with the sight of Harriet Walter and Nicholas Farrell coming together for their unbelievingly rapt reunion on the wonderful line, "Hang there like fruit, my soul, Till the tree die".

DONALD COOPER

Iachimo (Donald Sumpter) and Posthumus (Nicholas Farrell)

One rare appeal of *Cymbeline*, for spectators and actors alike, is that of a Shakespeare play with no inhibiting backlog of performance memories. On the fairy tale level, Julie Legrand plays the wicked queen as a Disneyland monster, smacking her lips in villainous kisses as she runs her blood-red nails over her collection of poison bottles, and smothering her intended victims with false endearments in the anachronistic tones of a nursery school teacher. Even better is Bruce Alexander, as her brutish son Cloten: a monotonously ogreish part on paper, released into theatrical life as a swaggering fool who comes on like Wrath in a parade of the seven deadly sins but whose confidence is always collapsing into appeals for reassurance. His typical routine is to follow up a genial embrace with a knee-jerk assault, and then look round for approval.

The only doubtful performance is Donald Sumpter's Iachimo, who is obliged to figure both as an ancient Roman and a Renaissance Italian: Mr Sumpter plumps for Rome, with consequent loss of the Italianate voluptuary in the bedroom scene. Scenes of warfare and the dream masque are beyond the scope of this studio show, which makes amends with percussive atmospherics by Ilona Sekacz.

Irving Wardle

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Disturbing features in lawful ban

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte H

Before Lord Justie Dillon, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment March 23]

Despite the existence of unsatisfactory and disturbing features, the Home Secretary had not acted unlawfully in refusing re-admission to the United Kingdom on the ground of national security to a Palestinian journalist who had lived in this country lawfully since 1979, had married a British subject and who had a valid re-entry visa.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by H, the journalist, from the refusal of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (*The Times* August 5, 1987) in judicial review proceedings to quash the Home Secretary's order refusing H entry to this country as a refugee.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Eugene Cotran for H; Mr David Pannick for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that H, a journalist, was a Palestinian and a stateless person. He came to England in 1979 and was given restricted leave to remain.

In 1981 he married an English woman. He applied in 1984 for indefinite leave to remain but for two years had received no decision from the Home Office.

He left England in 1986 to visit his sick mother in Lebanon having been granted two months' leave to remain here and a re-entry visa. Four days after his departure the Home Secretary rejected his application for leave to remain and gave instructions that he was not to be re-admitted to the country as information existed that he was a member of Palestinian group that supported terrorism and had had clandestine negotiations with the Provisional IRA.

On returning to Heathrow in June 1986 H was refused admission and some days later his application for asylum as a refugee was refused by the Home Office.

Three disturbing factors emerged from the case:

1 After nearly two years' delay the decision to refuse H leave to remain here was made in the short period when he was known to be abroad but to have been issued with a re-entry visa.

2 On uncontradicted evidence, H's enforced removal in June 1986 after he had claimed refugee status was a serious breach of paragraph 73 of Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (1983) (HC 169) and possibly of paragraph 87.

3 The Home Office decision that H, not satisfying the definition in article 1 of the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees 1951 (Cmnd 9171), was not a refugee was unreasonable and that conclusion of the Divisional Court had not been disputed in the Court of Appeal.

Whether, however, those disquieting factors had any relevance to the outcome of the appeal was another matter.

All the issues on the appeal related to H's position as a refugee. They were:

1 At the time of being refused entry was H, as the holder of a re-entry visa, a refugee "lawfully" in the UK within the meaning of article 32(1) of the Convention?

In *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bugdaycav* ([1987] AC 514) the House of Lords held that a refugee presenting himself to the immigration authorities here and being refused entry by them was not a refugee "lawfully" in this territory. That applied to H and it made no difference that he held a valid re-entry visa.

That visa ranked only as an entry clearance certificate. Under paragraph 13 of the 1983 Immigration Rules a person holding an entry clearance certificate was not to be refused leave to enter unless the immigration officer was satisfied that, *inter alia*, his exclusion would be conducive to the public good. That was the ground relied on for refusing H leave to enter.

It followed that until the holder of a re-entry visa was granted leave to enter, or re-enter – and in H's case he never was – he was not to be regarded as "lawfully" in the territory within the meaning of article 32(1).

2 Even if he was not "lawfully" *in the country, should the courts* treat him as if he were because of the way he had been treated by the Home Office? No legal basis existed for holding that the court had any dispensing power to declare H within article 32(1) if on its true construction he was not.

Moreover, regardless of suspicions, there was no evidence that the decision to refuse H re-entry was deliberately made during his absence so as to take unfair advantage of him. H's submissions on that issue were rejected.

3 Had the Home Secretary made out, under article 33(2) of the Convention, reasonable grounds for regarding H as a danger to the security of this country with the result that he had no right under article 33(1) to object to *refoulement* to the Lebanon or any other country where his life or freedom would be threatened?

Clearly if H was to be denied the protection of article 33(1) there had in fact to be reasonable grounds for the Home Secretary to regard him as a danger to the security of the country. But where considerations of national security were said by the Home Secretary to arise, the courts could not, and did not expect that all details of evidence of matters concerning national security to be put before them in civil proceedings.

The Home Secretary had sufficiently particularized the grounds on which he had regared H as a danger to the security of the country. He could not, in view of what he had said in a letter to H's solicitors, be required to produce his actual evidence or to disclose the names of the sources of his information to the court since that would necessarily involve disclosure to H, contrary, if the Home Secretary were right, to the national interest.

The Home Secretary had shown enough to make it clear that there was no basis on which the Divisional Court could properly quash his decision that there were reasonable grounds for regarding H as a danger to our security and that in consequence H could not claim the benefit of protection from *refoulement* provided by article 33(1).

Lord Justice Neill gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Stocker agreed.

Solicitors: Winstanley-Burgess; Treasury Solicitor.

Duty to write prescriptions clearly

Prendergast v Sam & Dee Ltd

Before Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment March 16]

A doctor owed a duty to his patient to write prescriptions clearly. The writing should be of sufficient legibility to allow for the possible mistakes of busy and distracted pharmacists who might not be paying attention to what they were doing.

A pharmacist who misread a prescription and dispensed the wrong drug to a patient was liable in negligence where there had been sufficient information on the prescription as a whole to put him on inquiry that he was prescribing the wrong drug.

Mr Justice Auld so held in the Queen's Bench Division in awarding the plaintiff James Prendergast £119,302 plus interest against Sam & Dee Ltd, a pharmacy, Mr Peter Kozary, the dispensing pharmacist and Dr Stuart Miller who wrote the prescription.

Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Andrew Hogarth for the plaintiff; Mr John Denniss for Mr Kozary; Mr David Latham, QC and Mr Nicholas Underhill *for Dr Miller; Sam & Dee Ltd* were not represented.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that Mr Prendergast, an asthmatic, had been prescribed three Ventolin inhalers, 250 Phyllocontin tablets and 21 Amoxil tablets. That was a commonplace combination of drugs for an asthmatic with a chest infection.

The pharmacist had dispensed the first two items correctly but instead of Amoxil he had dispensed Daonil, a drug used for diabetics to reduce the sugar content in the body.

Mr Prendergast was not a diabetic, and as a result of taking the Daonil suffered symptoms of hypoglycaemia and sustained permanent brain damage.

Mr Kozary said that the word "Amoxil" on the prescription was unclear. He mistook the "A" for a lower case "d" and the "x" for "n".

Assuming Dr Miller's writing was unclear and could have been read as Daonil there were enough other indications to put Mr Kozary on inquiry.

Daonil was only made in 5mg strengths but the word Amoxil was followed by "250". Mr Kozary thought Dr Miller had mixed Daonil up with another diabetic drug which was taken in strengths of 250mg.

His Lordship said that Mr Kozary could not have been paying attention when he dispensed *Daonil to Mr Prendergast*. "250" could not have meant 250mg of Daonil.

The fact that another diabetic drug might have been confused was confirmation of the need for the prescription to be checked with the doctor.

The dosage specified was unusually high for Daonil but normal for Amoxil. Also Mr Prendergast paid for the drugs on collection when it could have been expected that a diabetic *would be entitled to free drugs*.

If Mr Kozary had been paying attention he should have known there was something wrong with the prescription and should have checked it. He knew that taking Daonil was dangerous to non-diabetics.

The most likely explanation was that he had simply not been paying attention and in so acting he fell below the standard of skill expected of a pharmacist and was negligent.

It was common ground that if Dr Miller was in breach of the duty of care which he owed to Mr Prendergast he could not rely on the *negligence* of Mr Kozary to release him from all liability. It was therefore necessary to consider his handwriting.

In the last analysis the question was one of general impression for his Lordship and in his view the word on the prescription could be read as Daonil.

A doctor owed a duty to his patient to write a prescription clearly. He must allow for *possible mistakes by a pharmacist* who might be busy and distracted by other customers.

Dr Miller's writing on the prescription fell below the standard of care owed to Mr Prendergast. He could not escape liability by saying there was sufficient information on the prescription as a whole to have put Mr Kozary on alert.

Mr Kozary's failure to be put on alert was careless but Dr Miller should have taken account of that.

Dr Miller's writing had been negligent and had contributed towards the negligent mistake of Mr Kozary, although the greater responsibility lay with Mr Kozary.

The proper apportionment of damages was that Dr Miller was 25 per cent liable and Mr Kozary 75 per cent liable.

Solicitors: Field Fisher & Martineau; Williams & Co; Hempsons.

Handrail not required on hinged extension at end of gangway

Williams v Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd

The short, hinged extension linking the end of a ship's gangway to the quayside did not form part of the "main gangway" and was thus outside the scope of regulation 7 of the Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing Regulations (SI 1960 No 1932) and did not need to be fitted with handrails.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Stocker) so held on March 7 dismissing an appeal in a personal injury action by the *plaintiff, Mr James Williams*, from the decision of Judge Hall in Newcastle upon Tyne County Court in favour of the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER said that the plaintiff sustained injury slipping on the three-foot extension that was not fitted with a handrail. His claim was based on the defendants' breach of regulation 7 that "All main gangways giving general access to a vessel in a shipyard . . . shall . . . be securely protected on each side to a height of at least two feet nine inches by strongly constructed upper and lower handrails".

The extension did not form part of the main gangway but was there to give access to the main gangway from the quayside.

Writ acknowledgement not step in action

Skopos Design Group Ltd (trading as Anker Contract Carpets) v Homelife Nursing Ltd

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment February 12]

A defendant who ticked the boxes in paragraph 4 of the prescribed form for acknowledgement of service of writ of summons to indicate that he wished to apply for a High Court action commenced in a district registry to be transferred to London or to another district registry did not thereby take a step in the action and was therefore not thereby precluded from applying for the action to be stayed under section 4 of the Arbitration Act 1950.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an interlocutory appeal by the defendant, Homelife Nursing Ltd, from Mr Justice Rose who on *June 18, 1987* had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Skopos Design Group Ltd (trading as Anker Contract Carpets), from Master Warren's order staying the *plaintiff's* action purusant to section 4 of the 1950 Act.

Mr Richard Parkes for the defendant; Mr Stephen Bate for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that section 4 of the 1950 Act was in identical terms to section 4 of the Arbitration Act 1889.

The provisions for acknowledging service in Order 12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court *had been introduced* in 1980, and rule 10 equated acknowledging service to entering an appearance which it replaced. From 1875 until those *provisions were introduced* in 1980, the Rules of the Supreme Court had entitled a defendant to an action commenced in a district registry, unless he lived in that *district, to cause the action* to proceed in London by entering an appearance in London.

His Lordship did not think that the introduction of the provisions for *acknowledging* service and the inclusion of the boxes had been intended to add so much to the former practice of entering an appearance in London that by ticking the boxes to apply for a transfer the defendant was *taking a step in* the action.

Second, although some of the authorities were difficult to reconcile, in each case an objective approach had been adopted to determine whether a step had been taken. The test was whether the defendant had impliedly affirmed the institution of proceedings and indicated a willingness to go to law.

Ticking the box to apply for a transfer to a different forum was no more a step in the action than entering an appearance or seeking clarification of an indorsement on a writ or of a statement of claim to ascertain whether an agreement to arbitrate applied: compare *Ives & Barker v Willans* ([1894] 2 Ch 478).

His Lordship would allow the appeal and restore the *master's* order.

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER, concurring, said that if ticking the boxes in paragraph 4 constituted a step in the action, defendants were subjected to a trap since the form [Form No 14 in Appendix A to the Rules of the Supreme Court] was the one prescribed by Order 12, rule 3(1). Paragraph 4 dealt with an application under Order 4, rule 5(3), but it formed part of the general form for acknowledging service.

Anyone might *therefore* construe the form as simply having the effect of acknowledging service. The fact that there might be ways of avoiding the trap, for *example by writing a* letter saying that the application was made without prejudice, was no consolation to someone who had already fallen into it.

Such a result could not have been intended, and ticking the boxes in parargraph 4 was not to be taken as a step in the action.

Solicitors: Metson Cross & Co; Beachcrofts for Emsley Collins, Leeds.

Premium to protected tenant is illegal

Saleh v Robinson

A requirement, that a person pay a premium to a protected tenant prior to, and in consideration for, the tenant surrendering his tenancy so that a protected tenancy would be granted to the person who had paid the premium, was a requirement that the person pay the premium "as a condition of the grant" to him of the protected tenancy for the purposes of section 119(1) of the Rent Act 1977. The requirement was therefore illegal and the premium could be recovered by the payer under section 125(1).

Where such a premium was paid to an estate agent who purported to be acting as the payee's agent with full authority to agree and receive the premium on his behalf, the payer *could recover the* full amount of the premium so paid from the payee, even though the agent had in fact been authorized only to take a lower premium and had accounted to the payee only for *that lower* amount, taking the balance as a secret profit.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Waite) so held on February 23, dismissing *the* defendant's appeal, and allowing the plaintiff's cross-appeal, from Bloomsbury County Court (Judge Pullinger) which on September 8, 1987 had given judgment for the plaintiff for £9,800. The Court of Appeal increased the judgment sum to £11,800.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that *the defendant* had argued that the requirement to pay the premium was a condition precedent to the grant, not a condition of the grant, and that the *premium* was therefore not rendered illegal by section 119(1).

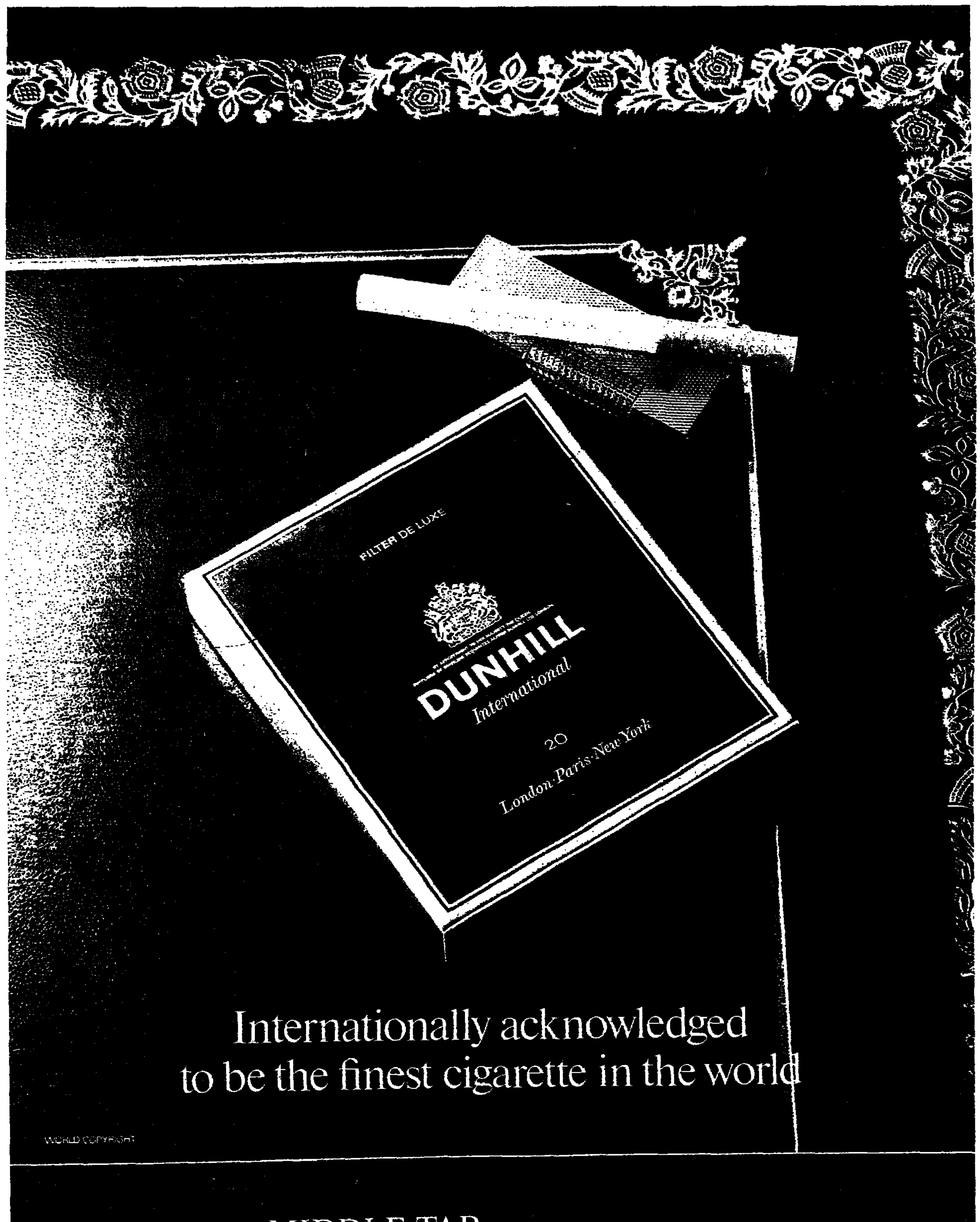
The instant case was not distinguishable from *Farrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59), from which it was clear that section 119(1) was wide enough to catch the premium paid by the plaintiff.

Flight issue final

Holmes v Bangladesh Biman Coporation

Carriage by air for reward of a passenger *on a* foreign domestic flight was non-international carriage in respect of which Schedule 1 to the Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) Order (*SI 1967 No 480*), which applied the provisions of the amended Warsaw Convention, had effect. Determination of that question as a preliminary issue was a final order from which leave to appeal was not needed.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of *Lymington*, Master of the Rolls, *Lord* Justice Dillon and *Lord* Justice Bingham) so held on February 26 when dismissing an appeal by the defendant airline from a decision of Mr Justice Leggatt (*The Times* January 29, 1987) on a preliminary issue whereby he gave judgment for the plaintiff, the widow and executrix of *Geoffrey* Paul Mervyn Holmes, deceased, in an action on behalf of the estate and the deceased's dependants in respect of his death on August 5, 1984, when he had been *a passenger* on the defendants' aircraft which had crashed while approaching Zia Airport on an internal Bangladeshi flight from Chittagong to Dhaka.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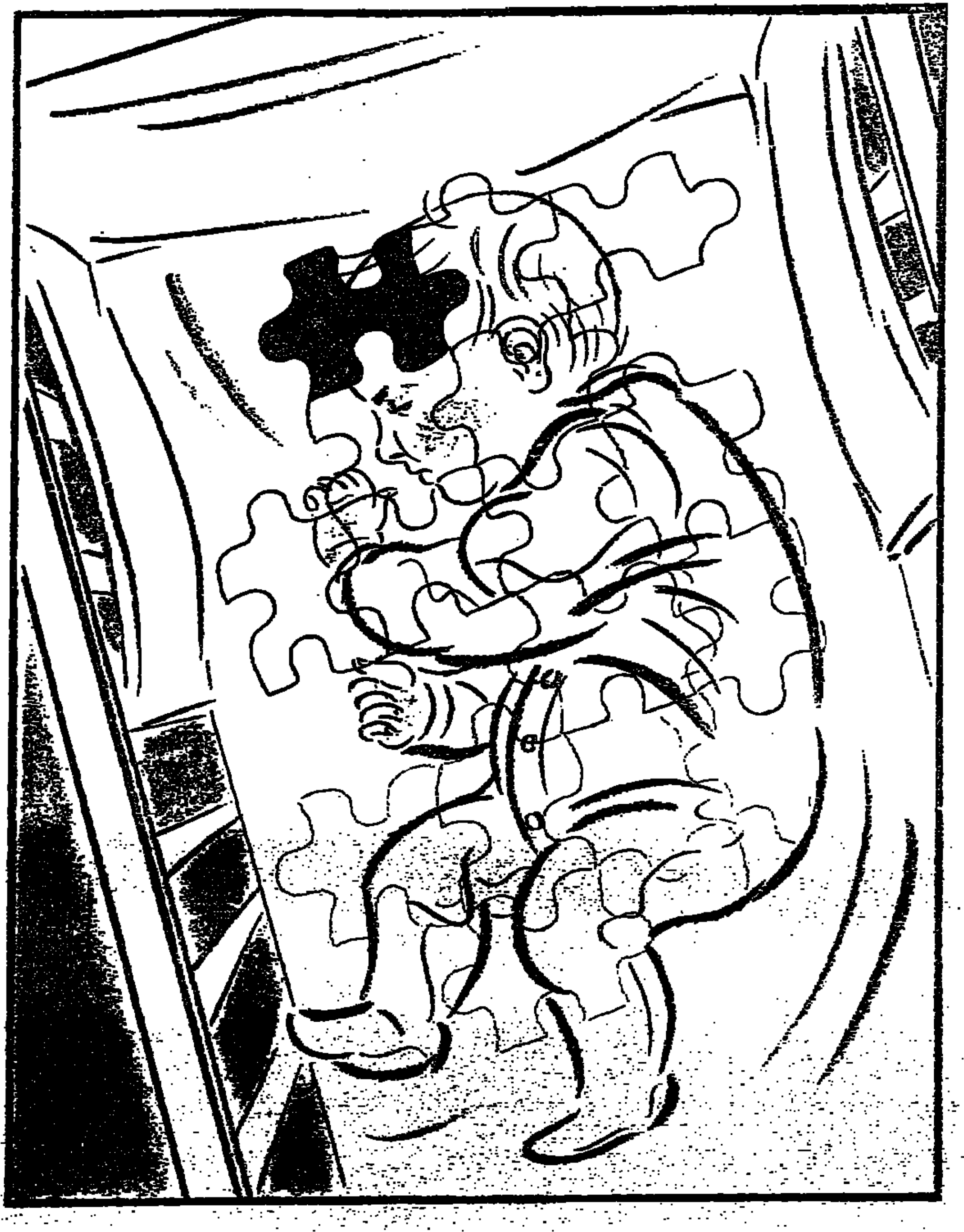
The search for the smallest clue

New figures show an increase in sudden infant death syndrome, yet research into its prevention is painstakingly slow. **Ann Kent** reports on the latest theories on cot death



PAULA YOUENS

Millions have been spent on researching sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) worldwide, but pinning down the cause is like tackling a jigsaw without seeing the picture on the box. Every so often hopes are raised when a possible risk factor is identified. Then it turns out to be one very small piece of the whole puzzle, and sometimes it does not fit in at all.

When a rise in cot deaths was announced last week, based on the figures for 1986, a senior official at the Department of Health suggested that the cause might be the severe winter that year. But according to *Dr* Elizabeth Taylor, senior lecturer in community paediatrics at Sheffield University and one of Britain's leading researchers into the syndrome, her figures did not show more than the usual proportion in the winter months of 1986, and she points out that the increased death rate also affected other countries in Western Europe.

Taylor says she would like to look more closely at the relationship between the increase in cot deaths and the fall in deaths in the perinatal period: there has been a steady decrease in infant deaths from all causes in the first week of life. Taylor believes that some babies who would in past years have died very soon after birth now survive long enough to swell the cot death statistics. However, these babies are likely to account for only a proportion of the increase in cot deaths.

SIDS is not a diagnosis. It is a form of words used on death certificates when the real cause of a baby's death cannot be established. Since the late Seventies, the death rate has averaged about one baby in 500. However, according to the latest figures (for 1986), the rate is now one baby in 430 live births for England and Wales; one baby in 441 in Northern Ireland and one baby in 444 in Scotland.

In that year, SIDS appeared on the death certificates of 1,748 infants in the United Kingdom under the age of 12 months (90 per cent of SIDS victims die before they are eight months old, although there is a peak at three months) — an increase of 268 on 1985.

While the public hopes to be given definite causes for these deaths, scientists can usually only offer links and associations. One problem in assessing the extent of SIDS is that it is a diagnosis of exclusion. And, inevitably, some pathologists are better equipped than others to check other possible causes before registering SIDS. It is likely that at least some cot deaths occur in the early stages of a very virulent infection which might not show up at postmortem.

Despite these difficulties, advances are being made in identifying the underlying causes of what Taylor calls "this dustbin diagnosis". Unfortunately, with one notable exception, prevention is much further away.

The exception represents *the* only real breakthrough in this decade. It has been discovered that an inherited deficiency of one particular enzyme causes some of the deaths put down to SIDS. A deficiency of medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) prevents the normal mechanism in which fatty acids are broken down into energy supplies. If the baby is feeding normally, this may not matter too much. But at times of stress, or when the baby is not feeding properly, then this inability to draw on stored body fat can be fatal. The brain is starved of oxygen, and death can result.

Pinning down the cause is like tackling a jigsaw without first seeing the picture on the box

This metabolic deficiency can be picked up by screening tests (which may be offered to parents who have already lost a child) and the parents would be advised on what action to take when the infant goes off its food. Shortage of MCAD is thought to account for only about 5 per cent of cot deaths — including some of those where more than one baby in a family is affected. Researchers suspect that other, as yet unidentified, enzymes also have a role to play.

About 25 research projects are currently being funded by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths. Dr Pamela Davies, secretary of the foundation's scientific advisory committee, says that there is evidence that the interaction of several factors — often including a minor infection — could trigger some of these deaths and attempts are being made to identify these infective agents. Cot deaths, although a year-round event, tend to cluster in the months of January, February and March — lending support to the theory that respiratory tract infections are one of the triggers.

The only real certainty is that the syndrome does not have a single cause. One of the most intensely studied areas is the lung function of babies. There is some evidence that unstable breathing patterns are associated with immature development of the cells in the brain stem. In the case of premature or low birthweight babies, abnormally low amounts of surfactant (the chemical which prevents the baby's lung walls from sticking together) have been implicated.

Research is also being carried out to investigate whether an acute allergic reaction mainly involving the lungs may be another cause of cot death. In the United States studies have found an association between cot death and an abnormality of the red blood cells.

At the Royal United Hospital in Bath, Dr Peter Rudd, a consultant paediatrician, is carrying out research linked to a separate project headed by Dr Peter Fleming in Bristol, which aims to draw many of these threads together. It starts with a careful questioning of newly bereaved parents to find out whether there were birth difficulties, recent infection in the household, if they smoke and the way the baby was clothed.

Microbiologists will examine the blood of the child for enzyme deficiencies, and for the presence of substances like interferon which would suggest that the immune system was activated by an infectious agent. They will also attempt to identify any viral or bacterial infections. Specimens will be sent to another research centre in Southampton to check for the presence of allergic reactions.

Despite all the frustrations of cot death research, Taylor urges parents to keep the problem in perspective. "Last year in Sheffield there were 17 cot deaths among 6,200 births. Parents should enjoy their babies, and not worry about cot deaths. The chances of a baby dying from this cause are fairly remote."

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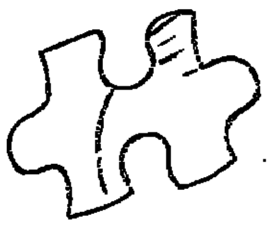


SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

While doctors attempt to pin down the causes of cot deaths, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths supports bereaved parents. "It would be wrong to tell parents a cot death can't happen to them again, but recurrence is very rare," says Mrs June Reed, a counsellor.

"Some parents use breathing monitors (a device strapped to the baby's chest which ticks with every breath and sounds an alarm if the child has not breathed for a certain length of time) for their next baby — although we tell them there is no evidence that their use will prevent another death despite the claims of some manufacturers," Reed says.

"However, parents who use these monitors find them immensely reassuring and many are reluctant to stop using them.

"It is no good giving people a monitor unless they are also under medical supervision. It is the support of health visitors, GPs and paediatricians which we find most helpful for bereaved parents.

"Other parents have also found special weighing scales very helpful. We know that weight-loss often precedes an infection and the health visitor can advise parents on which fluctuations are normal, and which show that special care should be taken. Regular naked weighing of babies is a very good way of monitoring their progress.

"No one is claiming these things prevent further deaths, but they do help build up the shattered confidence of parents who have lost a baby."

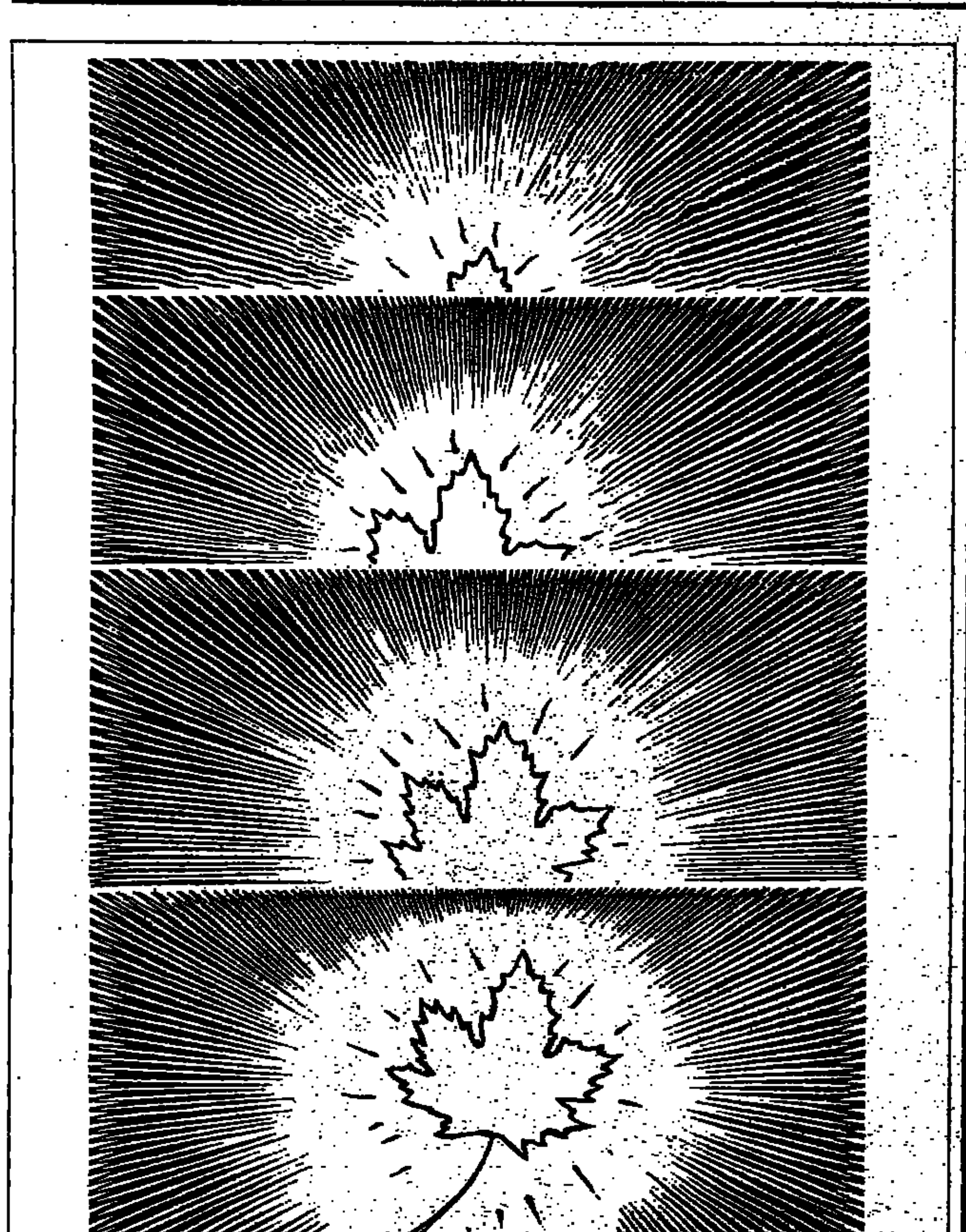
The foundation has produced a green card for all parents which indicates when a doctor should be called and gives advice on infant care. Because of suspicions that some cot deaths are triggered by overheating, parents are advised to check the baby while it is under its bedding to ensure it is neither too hot nor too cold. Meanwhile, a joint Anglo-Australian project is attempting to develop a simple scoring system to show when an apparently minor illness is more sinister than it seems.

The foundation offers information and counselling, and is often able to put parents in touch with local support groups. It can be contacted on 01-235 0965.

HIGH RISK GROUPS

Cot deaths occur at any time, and in all social classes. However, rates per thousand are higher in cities than in towns and, as with other types of disease, higher in deprived areas. Attempts have been made to identify the babies most at risk. One scoring system, developed in Sheffield, found that 50 per cent of the deaths were likely to come from a group representing 15 per cent of the births: the most common risk-factors mentioned in this group include low birth weight, low maternal age, high maternal parity (babies from large families), a short gap between births, smoking by the mother and bottle feeding.

Some scoring systems also include as possible factors unemployment of parents; poor housing; maternal infection during pregnancy; a history of drug taking; birth problems such as short second stage of labour, preterm deliveries and Caesarian section; and a failure by the mother to keep antenatal and postnatal appointments. However, half of the cot death births occur in families where to date, no risk factors have been identified.



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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The lecherous older man may try feeding his young girlfriend with oysters, shellfish, lettuce and asparagus, but her response to his advances are more likely to be determined by her earlier relationship with her father, the man's job (power is an aphrodisiac), or his bank balance (money is the modern man's muscle) than by any chemicals in the food.

Aphrodisiacs do not work; asparagus and shellfish have only achieved their reputation because of a fancied resemblance to the male and female sex organs and, despite the claims of herbalism, lettuces have never had a proven effect on the libido (sexual desire). Alcohol in small quantities may lower inhibitions but will not create sexual desire where it doesn't exist, and too large a dose will make matters worse, causing impotence in the male.

In discussing sexual performance it is important to distinguish between physical inability to perform sexual acts and a lack of desire to do so stemming from a lower libido. Given such a bleak history, it is not surprising that the headline news in the United States that the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilley had discovered an aphrodisiac that worked boosted their share value by more than $2 million in a single day.

Eli Lilley are chosing their words with care; Dr Joe Wernichi from Indianapolis said that their new product LY163502 is a dopamine agonist (mimic). It affects the dopamine receptive in the brain and acts on the central nervous system and has no local effect on the genital organs. He said that he hoped that it might prove useful in the treatment of certain types of sexual dysfunction in both men and women.

***Up* until now, LY163502 has only been tried in the treatment of patients with abnormally low sexual desire without any obvious cause, but the results have been so encouraging that doctors are now starting treatment in those patients where poor sexual performance has an obvious cause, such as diabetes or high blood pressure.**

Animal studies have been equally successful. Through careful selection, scientists in Indianapolis have bred a strain of rats which are little interested in sex; they mate infrequently and seem bored with every aspect of reproduction. After treatment with LY163502, these rats became as sexually enthusiastic as the normal rat. There were no serious side effects and no evidence of psychotic behaviour, a theoretical possibility.

The drug is still in the early stages of testing. It has completed its initial animal studies and is now being tried in several centres in the United States, but even if it comes through these trials it will be some years before it will be readily available as a means of overcoming a woman's traditional excuse of a headache, or a man's reluctance to leave the television set for the marital bed. And in Dr Wernichi's view it should never be used for patients of normal sexuality.

End of a taboo

Until Aids, patients would have entertained dinner party guests with tales of *Trichomonas vaginalis*, herpes and NSU, or any other genital infection, but what they quite correctly realized was that talk of their rectum or anal canal would have resulted in social ostracism.

Marvin Bush, the 30-year-old son of George Bush, American vice-president and leading presidential candidate, hopes to change this reticence, which he acknowledges as one of the last remaining social taboos.

Bush has had an ileostomy for the past year; he is now restored to health and, in gratitude for this, he tends to speak publicly about his experience and the advantages of surgery in the hope of reassuring others who will need an ileostomy often because of Crohn's Disease or ulcerative colitis.

Ileostomy is the creation of an artificial opening in the abdominal wall through which the cut end of the ileum, the small intestine, can discharge intestinal contents after the colon and rectum have been removed.

In the last 10 years, surgeons at St Mark's Hospital in London have devised a procedure which will allow some, but by no means all, patients with ulcerative colitis to avoid the necessity of an ileostomy by using a [illegible] operation which, although it involves the removal of the colon and rectum, spares the anal canal.

In this operation a portion of the last part of the ileum is fashioned into a reservoir, the outlet of which is then attached to the anus. Good results are obtained in most cases, but a few do have minor problems. Even though absolutely normal bowel movements are not restored, the patient is continent and avoids the psychological problems which Bush is trying to minimize.

St Mark's is a specialized centre for the treatment of, and research into, diseases of the bowel. Although internationally famous, it has, in the past, suffered when fund-raising from variants of the dinner party taboo, despite the fact that the hospital must treat a disproportionate number of patients who have done particularly well in their chosen professions.

The striving, orientated but inhibited personality, which is often successful in a work orientated society, has many of the characteristics that can lead to bowel disease. For as Sir William Osler, the father of modern medicine, said: a patient who does not cry with their eyes may weep with their guts.

A cancer research organization is to provide St Mark's with the funds for a laboratory for investigations into cancerous diseases. The hospital wants to find another £400,000 to add a unit for investigation into a wide variety of non-malignant diseases.

Fifteen per cent of adults suffer from some degree of irritable bowel disease, spastic colon (and a higher proportion from piles); if they were all to subscribe to the fund, research workers might have the resources to find the answers to their problems, which would enable them to sit in comfort and eat and drink without fear of the consequences.

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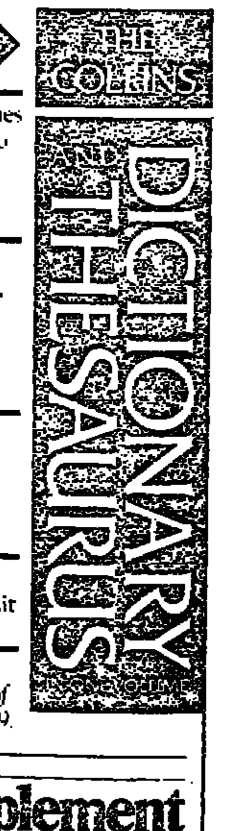

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Marx did it. Aaron Burr did it. Even Castlereagh and Canning did it. Two French officers fought over a cat, and Handel fought over a *harpsichord*. Tolstoy challenged Turgenev to a duel (the proper phrase is "called out" or, in aristocratic demotic, "grass before breakfast") as a result of an argument provoked by Tolstoy falling asleep over *Fathers and Sons*. Duels were fought over women, over politics, over cards, over practically anything, but the ceremony was always the same — the ritual pacing, the air of impertubability and even indifference, all these elements combined to make the duel what Professor Kiernan describes in this absorbing book as "one of the most fantastical things in human annals".

It derived in part from ordeal by combat, in which Providence was thought to boost the right arm of the victor, and in part from medieval jousting. Faint hearts never won fair ladies; but, *according to* the old code, faint hearts *never won anything*, and the origins of the duel can be seen in *the twin passion for power* and privilege. It took its orthodox shape in the 17th and 18th centuries, at once demonstrating its fatal attractions. More individualized than the vendetta, more glorious than mass battle, it also possessed the charm which comes from the flirtation (and often even union) with death.

But it was also a mark of exclusivity; only gentlemen could take up arms against each other, and, by denying this basic human right to the peasants beneath them, the aristocrats of Europe were able to discriminate even in death. The poor murdered each other, the rich were *engaged in a social ritual. In the reign* of George III, for example, there were *91 fatalities in duels but only two* executions as a result. Duelling represented a kind of secular morality, in other words, providing what was in general a spurious code of "honour", which had as much to do with enforced leisure and gruesome theatricality as it did with any *genuine sense of grievance. That is* why it was often rendered comically *both in fiction and in drama — there* is something inherently funny about a *person whose behaviour is* imprisoned by convention, but how much *funnier that he would* rather embrace death than defy the social code? As a *result this is* not simply a book about duelling; in Kiernan's hands the subject takes on a larger compass and becomes a study of power itself.

Of course no human activity that lasted so long and spread so widely could be quite without merit. Certainly duels were preferable to wars, and such an irrational ritual did have its uses in schematizing human anger and violence. But there is also the troubled matter of "honour" which, as one Maltese knight discovered to his cost, was honoured both in the breach and in the observance: when he refused to fight a challenger, he was sentenced to five years in an unlit dungeon *and then* imprisonment for life. "Honour" can of course be an *aspect of moral strength — no human* being can live properly without a modicum of self-esteem — but, as Kiernan points out, its roots may lie in soil deeper than that of European *virtu*. In the risking of death for the sake of an artificial code there may be some "whispering of blood sacrifice as the demand of tyrannical gods".

In the course of his argument *Kiernan provides many examples of* the duel in action, most of them *barbarous and all of them ridiculous*. In fact there comes a point when *these vignettes of blood and wounded* pride sound much the same — not *because they are in themselves* boring, but rather because they embody *what is essentially a single human* instinct.

Hierarchies change, of course, and the Victorian middle class effectively *delivered the coup de grâce* to duelling when the *wallet* rather than the pistol became the mark of virtue — although, *curiously enough, in France* and Germany it was the bourgeois search for what Kiernan calls the "*ignis fatuus* of gentility" which helped to preserve duelling well into the 20th century. And he goes on to suggest that it had one vast and painful legacy in the conduct of the Great War.

Yet it is not really dead, only resting; and from *West Side Story* to *Star Wars* the theme of single combat retains its power over audiences who would normally see blood drawn only at football matches. And how could it not be so? The duel, after all, may easily serve as an emblem of the human condition — fuelled by aggression but constrained by a code, composed of tragedy and buffoonery in equal measure, finding its true measure only in death. Kiernan has written something of a polemic but he manages, at the close of this fine book, *to condone if not exactly to* praise his subject — as he explains, *quoting Schelling, to risk* all is perhaps "to be possessed of life in its highest human vigour". But *the last* word should go to Ludwig, in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Grand Duke*, who also tells us much about the human condition: "I hate a duel with pistols. It's not the ball I mind — it's the bang."

NEW HARDBACKS

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Crook in Oz

THRILLERS

Tim Heald

THE HONEY ANT
By Duncan Kyle
Collins, £11.95

Consider the significance of the author's photograph in book marketing. The pictures on the backs of these first two books are classics of the genre.

Mr Kyle's photo shows a middle-aged chap in toning check overcoat and rakishly angled hat, trim white beard, rimless specs, and shrewd, mildly amused eyes. Definitely British, definitely professional, could almost be a senior if slightly eccentric *detective, but one is not* surprised to find he used to be *a career journalist*.

Like picture, like book. He starts, *topically, with Oz*. Western Oz, to be precise, and *it is clear from the off that he* has actually been there and sweated out the lunchtime stubbies while walking up Barrack Street exactly as he describes it. Good heroine too, a spunky WRAC, who comes into an inheritance of northern ranchland thanks to a will mysteriously delivered by a shadowy abo. From there on in the tale unfolds with all the understated verve of a modern Nevil Shute. Good stuff in a no-nonsensical vein. Just like the picture.

● **Rite of Spring**, by Andrew Greeley (Macdonald, £11.95). If Mr Kyle's portrait speaks *volumes, Mr Greeley's* shouts book-stalls, whole chains of them. Not *Mr Greeley*, but Father Greeley, programme director of the *National* Opinion Research Centre in Chicago, and a professor at *the* University of Arizona. Father Greeley is pictured in front of stacked books, and a painting of the Virgin. *He* has a dog collar, an impish grin, a sexy white and black cardigan of Mexican appearance, and a deliberately nonchalant pose. What on earth is going on in the American priesthood?

His book concerns an unappealing Chicago tax attorney with extra-sensory perception and a breast fixation. There is a lot more sex and nudity than one would expect from a holy father, though the folksy Irishness is more predictable. "Myself such a shy Irish biddy" is Irish-atte-Tucson, not as she is spoken Corkside.

"This story of spring", says *the author, in his attempt to* pre-empt the reviewer's task, "is a retelling of the old Irish version of the quest for the Holy Grail." This has all the hallmarks of a big, big book but you would be better advised to seek out the original. Greeley's grail is not the same at all, at all, I'll be thinking, begorrah and Amen.

● **The Catacomb**, by Brian Glanville (Hodder & Stough*ton, £11.95*). Brian Glanville's mugshot by his son Toby *stares out in an appropriately* woebegone Italianate style *from the back of The Catacomb*. Oxford don returns to Bologna in avenging *quest* for wife's assassin only to narrowly escape railway station massacre. There are intriguing double everythings, involving the don's twin obsession with the contemporary and the past. Difficult and, on the whole, rewarding stuff this, but glum. This is a consistently underrated author — perhaps because he is better known as a football correspondent — but he ought to cheer up, choose a smiling author picture, and inject some cheer and pazazz into his prose. Serious book and well worth reading but too solemn by half.

● **Hidden Agenda**, by Anna *Porter* (Allison & Busby, £10.95). Anna Porter's picture *is wonderfully cheery and so is* her book. She is Canada's *second whizziest publisher (a* real, not back-handed, com*pliment) and she has used* publishing for her background. I *much enjoyed the* passage when our heroine is *wrapped* in a *white* towel contemplating lunch — "hoping he would suggest the Ritz" — with Eric Major of Hodder. Despite this, Eric, in real life, didn't publish the book. I'm afraid he was probably right.

A bit of a witch

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

Victoria Glendinning

A FAR CRY FROM
KENSINGTON
By Muriel Spark
Constable, £9.95

The most memorable thing about Muriel Spark's sportive and sly new novel is the good advice continually given to the reader, confidently ladled out and generously "included in the *price of this book*" — tips about how to lose weight, *how to concentrate, how to* fool the taxman, how to write a *novel, how to deal with* unanswered letters, how to cure rheumatic pain, how to decide whether or not to marry someone.

The least memorable thing about it is the plot, which even after two readings seems a bit like a thin, tightly-knotted piece of string which a sensible person would discard rather than pick at conscientiously.

Mrs Hawkins, the chatty narrator and robust dispenser of advice, is a young war-widow. It is 1954. Money is short, class still means something, the wireless is tuned to Radio Luxembourg, London is full of displaced persons, and espresso bars are the latest thing. Mrs Hawkins is very fat, which makes people feel comfortable with her and invites confidences.

She is socially inexperienced, and declines to leave the dining-room with all the other ladies and leave the gentlemen to their port towards the end of a dinner-party, on the grounds that the gentlemen have done nothing to deserve this ostracism. But she's a quick learner, and is soon adept herself at the featherlight put-down: "I have always liked Abigail de Mordell Staines-Knight, as she then was, Abigail Wilson as she is now." She is free not only with advice, but with shrewd observations: "It is not because we are rats that we tend to abandon people who are down, it is because we are embarrassed."

Fat Mrs Hawkins lives in a shabby-genteel house in South Kensington let out in furnished rooms. The other tenants are all "characters", and she knows all their stories, but the only one you have to remember is Wanda the emotional dressmaker, because something dreadful is going to happen to her.

Mrs Hawkins works as an editor for publishers, who variously go broke or are jailed for fraud. The opportunities here for jokes at the expense of the literary world are not thrown away. There is one author whom Mrs Hawkins particularly loathes, called Hector Bartlett. He is the hanger-on of a woman novelist as successful and gifted as, say, Muriel Spark. In the opinion of Mrs Hawkins, Bartlett "vomited literary matter; he urinated and sweated, he excreted it." She repeatedly called him a "*pisseur de copie*" both behind his back and to his face, and he becomes enraged. *It* is Bartlett's devious revenge on Mrs Hawkins that leads to the sad end of Polish Wanda.

You could say it's all Mrs Hawkins's fault; this is not her view, though when people take her advice she admits to feeling "spooky, empty, haunted". Beneath Muriel Spark's pizzicato social malice there is always something sinister. Mrs Hawkins is religious in a superstitious way, muttering Hail Marys at Angelus time. Other people are superstitious in a religious way, believing in the power of the "Black Box", a craze of the 1950s which purported to cure ailments at long distance by means of the dubious science of radionics.

Hungry for certainties, people fall into evil. Mrs Hawkins, like her creator, may be something of a witch and I don't think it would be safe to act on any of her advice, except in the matter of losing weight. She gets thin and finds a nice new husband. I'm afraid one day she may eat him for breakfast.

Bright first novels

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

THE MARCH
FENCE
By Matthew Yorke
Viking, £10.95

CHINESE
WHISPERS
By Robert Sproat
Faber, £10.95

BURNING YOUR
OWN
By Glenn Patterson
Chatto & Windus, £11.95

Here is a new generation of fresh and very disparate talent. In *The March Fence*, Matthew Yorke puts the youngest son of the Scottish estate-owning family into his cousin's Leeds steelworks. From the moment this narrator, Stephen Rushill, recognizes the goblets on his cousin's desk as being *gifts from the local garage*, we know we can trust him.

The language of the shop floor and the betting shop is *caught with a precision which* is as much a matter of cadence *and the placing of individual* words as vocabulary. "I've got *things to do, me.*" As *always*, in getting the language right subtle observation can be made about the culture in which it is spoken. Those of us who were impressed by Hoggart's nostalgic descriptions of working class culture will recognize the folk wisdom that rejects pointless anxiety, and the fatalism that makes the recurring dream of escape to the fleshpots of the south an unlikely fantasy. Yorke sets both in the new and depleted world of the present day.

Stephen is, like many Waugh heroes, *quiet*, unassertive, and likeable without *being particularly admirable*. His situation in the world is anomalous: *privileged* in his social relationships, he has *little* more *disposable income* than the young men around *him*. He has been displaced from the beautiful hills of his childhood, which Yorke describes lovingly. His loyalties are confused; members of his family, enquiring about his aims in life, are met by a dogged "I don't know".

When he finds himself trapped in a wager with the sinister farm manager of his family's Scottish estate, we share both his desperation and his mounting, superstitious terror that the immorality of the bet is in some sense contributory to his brother's death. Gambling of a more mundane kind follows. Yorke avoids the usual vision of the northern industrial landscapes of cobbled streets and back-to-backs, in presenting the masculine companionship of skilled men at work who *remain articulately tender* to one another's grief. It is a most *impressive debut*.

Robert Sproat's first novel *is really more of an ingenious* game. Very little is known *about Genghis Khan, and* what can be learned from *historical documents is often* contradictory. It is no part of *Sproat's intention to put this* right; rather, he adds more whispers to *those already* distorting the information from the 13th century. *One* page is filled with a huge question mark, which is said to represent the thoughts of the trumpeter of Cracow upon *being mortally struck by the* archer Koten.

It's a game, and a clever game, which in addition suggests cynical speculations about the possible human response to evil. There is very little of the colloquial vigour of Sproat's earlier stories; all the energy has gone into the invention of formal language for scribes, military historians, and nursery story-tellers. Some of these witnesses suggest it is a good idea not to dither; others that every decision made turns out to be wrong. These are persuasive conclusions. But it seems a very elaborate apparatus, set up largely to display the elegance and range of Sproat's inventive pastiche. The Mongols were illiterate, and their aristocracy chose to remain so.

For all the bleakness of contemporary Ulster, the writers who have come out of its violent streets have been remarkably fruitful. Glenn Patterson is the youngest of the novelists here, and in this, his first book, he writes about a child of 10 who desperately wants to belong to some group *of his peers*. The boy gives his loyalty to red-haired Francy Hagan, who lives on a rubbish dump, as much as anything else because Francy has kind eyes, and has befriended the rats who *share his world with* him. Sectarian strife frightens Mal less than the older boys in his street, or the quarrels between his mother, moping over her brass bowls with a tin of Duraglit, and his boozy father, whose business has collapsed. The book moves towards its denouement with unpretentious honesty.

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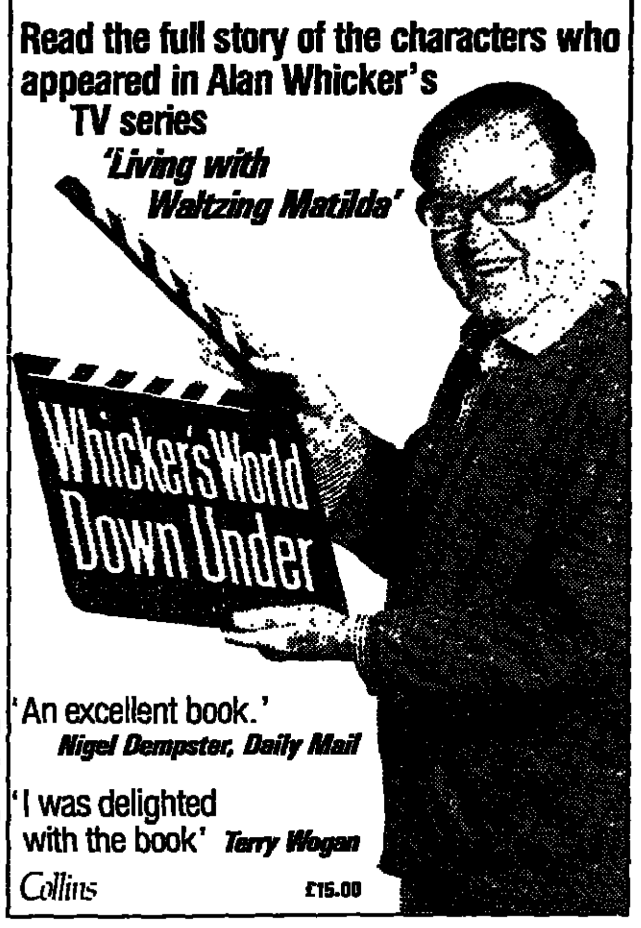
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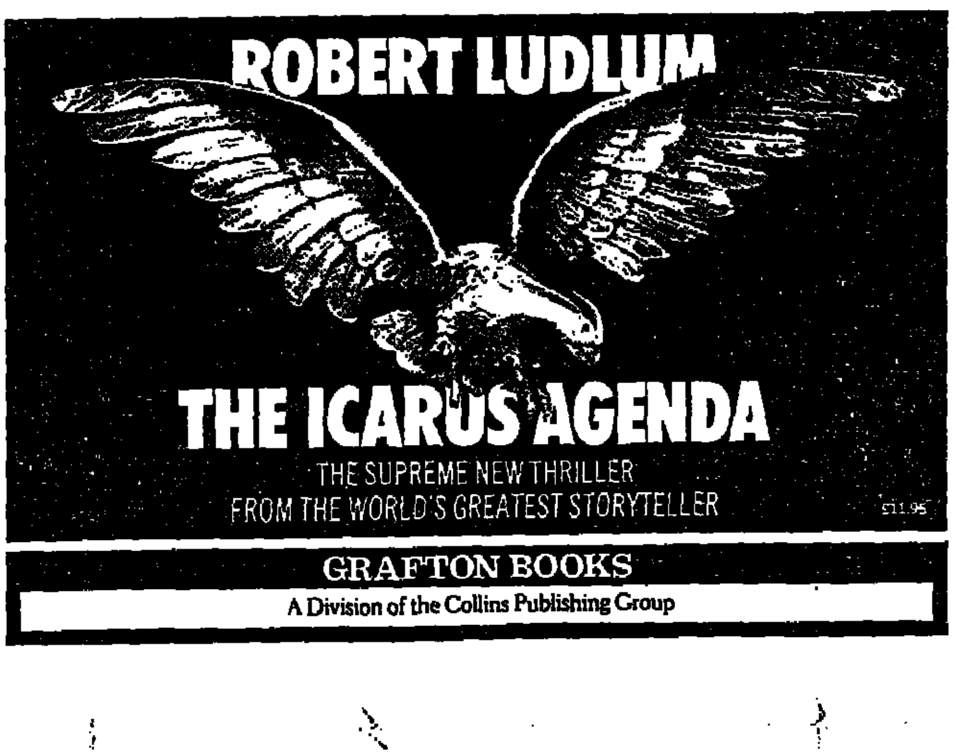
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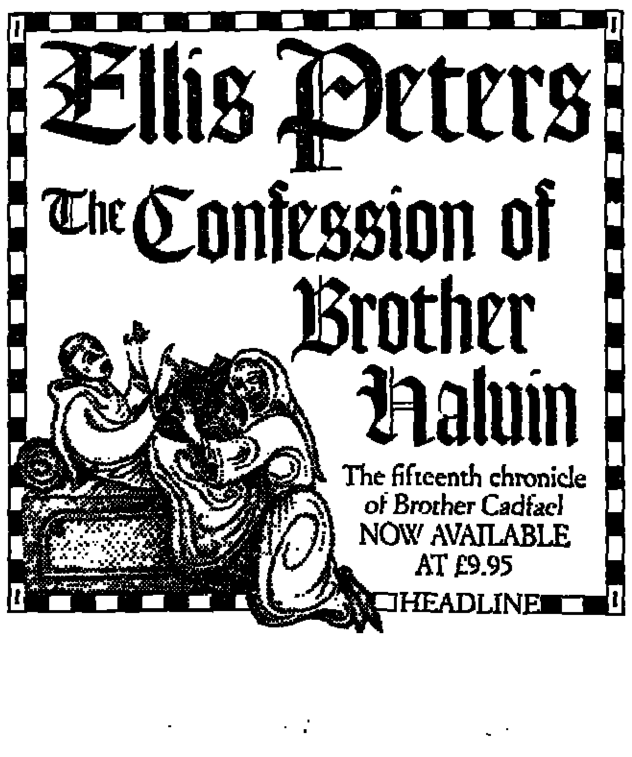
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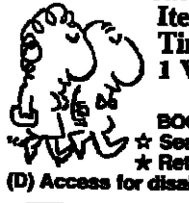

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MENSCH
(b) An admirable and substantial person; a decent and mature chap; a virile man; can also be applied to women; from the Yiddish, literally a person, man.

DEKE
(a) To deceive an opponent at ice hockey, thus drawing him out of his defensive position, presumably from to deceive.

INTER
(c) Universal abbreviation of France-Inter, the French national radio station broadcasting light music and chat programmes, similarish to our Radio 2.

SCAT
(a) Cornish: "Wey do 'ee shut up or I'll scat yer 'ead off." (b) droppings, from the Greek *skor, skatos* dung; (c) singing a melody to nonsense syllables like the Swingles.

ALAN WELLER

Moving from Messiah to Monteverdi

The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra, seen above in rehearsal with conductor Harry Christophers, will today give the first of three performances on consecutive days of a new version of Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610. It has been prepared by Graham Dixon, who suggests that this famous score was not composed in Venice to celebrate a Marian feast, as has usually been thought. He proposes that the Vespers were written for the Gonzaga court at Mantua to mark the feast of Saint Barbara, the Gonzagas' patron saint. This was the most important church festival in the Mantuan year, and in Dixon's new realization the music will sound more ceremonial than usual to reflect this. It will follow the special liturgy of the Mantuan court chapel, will be performed without an interval, and will incorporate the motet *Gaude Barbara* by Palestrina, who composed for the chapel choir, as well as some early violin sonatas that have Mantuan connections.

This will not be the first time that The Sixteen have followed the unusual procedure of giving several consecutive performances of an evening-long work. Their Handel's *Messiah* series given before Christmas 1986 was very successful and a recording taken from those evenings has won a Grand Prix du Disque. Today, tomorrow and Saturday at St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), starting at 7.30pm, tickets from £5 to £12.

Max Harrison

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ The Cherry Orchard: Thelma Barlow sighs for the cherry orchard in Chekhov's masterpiece.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sat 3pm, £2-£8.

GUILDFORD: ★ Married Love: New Peter Luke play about Marie Stopes, starring Susan Hampshire.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191), Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, £6.50-£10.

HULL: ☆ Princess Ivona: Actors Touring Co on tour with Witold Gombrowicz's splendidly sinister comedy about the fate of a plain princess.
Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 23638), Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £3.25.

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME: ☆ Buried Alive: New version of Arnold Bennett's comic tale of a shy painter who switches identities with his dead valet.
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road, Basford (0782 717962), Wed and Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, £3-£5.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ A Child in the Heart: Joint Stock production of new play about young exiles recalling their homelands.
Crucible Theatre Studio, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.50.

Lucy Gannon (above) turned to play-writing two years ago after 20 years as a residential care worker, and has already completed four full length plays, one of which was presented at a rehearsed reading by the RSC in Stratford. Her first to receive a full stage production is *Raping The Gold*, previewing from tonight at the Bush Theatre in London (see listing), and set in Derbyshire. Trevor Peacock and Paul Copley appear as two archers with conflicting views of the future of their club.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ JONES/LLEWELYN-JONES: Rachmaninov's Cello Sonata Op 19 is played by Nicholas Jones and Iwan Llewellyn-Jones.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ LEAPER MUSIC: The Hallé Orchestra is conducted by Adrian Leaper in Prokofiev's Symphony No 3, Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 1 (Howard Shelley, soloist).
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, £2-£9.

☆ LISTEN TO LARCHER: Thomas Larcher plays Beethoven's Sonata Op 106 "Hammerklavier", Webern's Variations, Schoenberg's Klavierstücke Op 11.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50, £4.

☆ SCHOOL OF ORPHEUS: L'Ecole d'Orphée performs Guillemain's Conversation Amusante et Gallante, Dornel's Sonate pour Troi Dessus, Couperin's Concert dans le Gout Théâtrale, Rameau's Orphée Cantata.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ MONETTI DOUBLE: Mariaclara Monetti solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 467 while Amedeo Monetti conducts the LSO in Mussorgsky's Night on the Bare Mountain and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ LAREDO LEADS: Jaime Laredo plays violin and directs the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's Serenade No 6 "Serenata Notturna", Serenade No 7 "Haffner" and Tchaikovsky's Serenade Op 48.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 7.45pm, £3-£8.80.

☆ THEME, VARIATIONS: Oliver Knussen conducts the London Sinfonietta in Birtwistle's Verses of Ensembles and Bawden's Le Livre de Fauvel.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-£9.

OPERA

☆ CAV AND PAG: Colourful revival of Ian Judge's lively 1986 production for ENO with Arthur Davies, Angela Feeney, Malcolm Donnelly and Alan Opie.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ CARMEN: Opera 80's shoestring travelling production, with Colette McGahon in the title role and Ivor Bolton conducting.
Civic Theatre, Darlington (0325 486555), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£6.50.

★ TOSCA: Revival of the Royal Opera's production with James Lockhart conducting a cast led by Grace Bumbry and Giuseppe Giacomini.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£70.

☆ COSI FAN TUTTE: The Royal Northern College of Music return to Mozart with a new cast of students and David Jordan conducting.
RNCM, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7-10.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ BITTER SWEET: Ian Judge's production of Noël Coward's masterpiece, with Ann Mackay, Martin Smith and Rosemary Ashe.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.45-10.45pm, £5.50-£12.50.

ROCK

☆ BARRENCE WHITFIELD AND THE SAVAGES: Crisp, full-tilt rock 'n' roll show in a Little Richard vein, developed in the bars of Boston.
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-267 4967) 8pm, £5.

☆ EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL: More kitchen sink love songs, from the duo's fourth album, *Idlewild*.
Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth (0705 824355) 7.30pm, £6-£7.

☆ ROY HARPER: Daft old folk singer trundling round the North.
Kendal Brewery Arts Centre, 122 Highgate (0539 25133) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ PERE UBU/THE MEKONS: Sterling double bill recalling the heyday of the Seventies' avant-garde new wave.
Leeds Polytechnic Students' Union, Woodhouse Lane (0532 430171) 7.30pm, £5-£5.50.

☆ ROBERT PLANT: Former Led Zeppelin crooner, fronting a young band and plugging a respectable album, *Now And Zen*.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

★ SIMPLY RED: T'Pau's Carol Decker had a point when she said that Mick Hucknall looks like Charlie Drake.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £8-£9, also tomorrow.

JAZZ

☆ JULIAN ARGUELLES: Recipient of last year's Pat Smythe Trust award for outstanding young players, he is a saxophonist who puts feeling on a par with technique.
Jazz Café, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936) 8.30pm, £1.

☆ BILLY BANG: The former Jazz Doctor is helping to maintain the frail tradition of the jazz violin.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ ZILA: Dudu Pukwana's septet draws on the township rhythms of his native South Africa.
Band on the Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ BOB STEWART: Best known perhaps for his work with Carla Bley, the tuba player begins a brief tour with his First Line Band, which includes trombonist Steve Turre.
The Trades Club, Savile Mount, Leeds (info 0532 608301) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ ART THEMEN: Regularly seen with Stan Tracey's various line-ups, the saxophonist is backed tonight by the Richard Clark Trio.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962) 8.30pm, £3.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending March 19

FICTION			
1	The Weeping and the Laughter, Noël Barber	Hodder	£12.95
2	The Bonfire of the Vanities, Tom Wolfe	Cape	£12.95
3	The Temple, Stephen Spender	Faber & Faber	£10.95
4	Out of this World, Graham Swift	Viking	£10.95
5	In Distant Waters, Richard Woodman	John Murray	£10.95
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1	The Fashion Conspiracy, N Coleridge	Heinemann	£12.95
2	Rise and Fall of the Great Powers, Paul Kennedy	Unwin Hyman	£18.95
3	1988 Michelin France	Michelin	£ 9.00
4	Maxwell: The Outsider, Tom Bower	Aurum	£12.95
5	Oradour: Massacre and Aftermath, Robin Mackness	Bloomsbury	£12.95
PAPERBACKS			
1	Modern British Short Stories, Malcolm Bradbury	Penguin	£ 4.95
2	The Enigma of Arrival, V S Naipaul	Penguin	£ 4.95
3	Between the Woods and the Water, Patrick Leigh Fermor	Penguin	£ 3.95
4	The Fatal Shore, Robert Hughes	Pan	£ 4.99
5	Autobiography of Henry VIII, Margaret George	Pan	£ 4.99
6	Good Food Guide, Edited by Drew Smith	Hodder/CA	£10.95
7	A Walk with a White Bushman, L Van der Post	Penguin	£ 4.95
8	Historic Houses, Castles & Gardens	British Leisure	£ 3.50
9	Good Hotel Guide 1988, Hilary Rubinstein	Hodder/CA	£10.95
10	Peace on Earth, Gordon Stevens	Coronet	£ 3.50

.Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

DANCE

☆ ROMEO AND JULIET: André Prokovsky's production for London City Ballet, to Berlioz music, with *Nutcracker Suite* and a new work by Istvan Herczog from Hungary.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£11.50.

★ CINDERELLA: Frederick Ashton's production of the Prokofiev score for the Royal Ballet.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922) 7.30-9.45pm, £5.50-£18.50.

☆ SEA OF TROUBLES: Kenneth MacMillan's new Hamlet ballet and other new works by Dance Advance.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street, Winchester (0962 843434), 7.45pm, £3.50-£5.50, two tickets for the price of one.

★ A SIMPLE MAN: Northern Ballet Theatre's ballet about the painter L S Lowry with other short pieces.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 65065) 8-10pm, £7-£10.

GALLERIES

OPEN '88: An exhibition of prints organized by the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers, including public submissions for the first time.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, Blackfriars, London SE1 (01-928 7521), Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, £1, until April 17.

TIM MAGUIRE: The first one-man exhibition for a young Australian abstract painter.
Flaxman Gallery, 3 Lever Street, London EC1 (01-253 9515), Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until April 24.

CHARLES HOLDEN (1875-1960): Drawings and models tracing the career of the architect most famous for London University and art deco tube stations.
RIBA Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (01-580 5533), Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 23.

J.F. LEWIS AND THE ORIENTALISTS: An exhibition about Victorian artists like Lewis who lived and painted in the Middle East.
Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021 235 2834), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until April 23.

CONVERSATIONS: A selection of paintings and sculptures from the Arts Council's extensive collection indicating similarities between superficially unsimilar pictures.
City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904 23839), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until April 10.

IAN BREAKWELL: The painter and diarist has paired old paintings from the gallery's permanent collection with his own pictures.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle (091 232 7734), Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free until April 17.

TALKS

WHISTLER'S WOMEN: Lecture by Felicity Woolf on two female portraits by Whistler and Degas.
National Gallery, Room 40, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

GAINSBOROUGH: Lecture by Sarah Reid on the life and work of Thomas Gainsborough.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

FALLING WATER: Maggie Knight talks on the Cranbrook Academy and the Saarinens.
Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8636), 11-4pm, £10.

WALKS

175 YEARS OF WEST END THEATRE ARCHITECTURE: meet Piccadilly Circus tube, 11am, £2.45.

LEGAL LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON — LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

OTHER EVENTS

LITTLE FANNY'S REVENGE: A "backstage melodrama" from the Aba Daba music hall company.
The Water Rats, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1 (01-837 7269). Thurs, Fri and Sat, 9.15pm. Dinner at 8pm. Dinner and show £14, show £6.

DEAR WORLD: First day of an exhibition of drawings by Canadian children who were asked to illustrate how to put the world right. The 112 drawings are a selection from the 400 reproduced in a book *Dear World*. Proceeds from the sale of the book to the Global Ed-Med organisation for aid to developing countries.
Canada House, Cultural Centre, Main Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London SW1 (01-629 9492). Mon-Fri-11am-5pm (except Good Fri and Easter Mon), until April 26, free.

BYRON IN GREECE: Small travelling exhibition produced to mark the poet's bicentenary celebrations, comprising 12 panels of text (including reproductions of Byron's own letters). Contemporary illustrations, maps and drawings — some previously unpublished.
Guildhall Museum, South Street, Boston, Lincolnshire (0205 65954). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1.30pm-5pm, until end April, 30p (child free).

SALE OF JEWELLERY: A ring presented by Queen Mary in 1891 to Godart van Ginkel subsequently created First Earl of Athlone, and a blue-enamel snake-shaped bangle are estimated to fetch between £15,000 and £25,000 today. Also the first "Great Cat" jewel to be made by Cartier in London (it took 640 hours to make), and an emerald and diamond epaulette, also made by Cartier circa 1920.
Sotheby's, 34 & 35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080), 10.30am.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP: Peter Mills and Lyn Blackmore examine and talk about recent finds from monastic sites in Greater London.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10 pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LEITH HILL MUSICAL FESTIVAL: Counter booking opens today for Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, Haydn's *The Creation*, and Duruflés *Requiem*. April 7-9.
Dorking Halls. Festival Office, 24 Raglan Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WAKEFIELD 100: Events to mark centenary of Wakefield becoming a city include *Salt of the Earth*, a new play by John Godber, *Music Theatre* in cathedral, with conventional instruments plus electronic sound and video; first professional production for more than 400 years of Wakefield Mystery Plays; and Victorian evening with Prunella Scales. Plus exhibitions, dance, jugglers, cabaret, jazz, sculpture and workshops. May 29-July 31.
Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, West Yorks (0924 370211).

LAST CHANCE

THE PIED PIPER: Last performance of Adrian Mitchell's children's show, with Sylvester McCoy in title role.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

"BONEY," OR NAPOLEON THROUGH ENGLISH EYES: Caricatures of Rowlandson, Gillray and Cruickshank, whose work made political comment through satire at time of French Revolution and Napoleonic wars. Ends Sat.
Cheltenham Art Gallery, Clarence Street, Cheltenham (0242 237431).

ANSCHLUSS EXHIBITION: Reminder of Nazi annexation of Austria, including video of survivors' experiences, as well as archive material. Ends today.
Wiener Library, 4 Devonshire Street, London W1.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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1. Kieslowski's NO END (18) 1.50 4.10 6.25 8.45
2. ANGEL DUST (Poussière d'Ange) (15) 2.40 4.45 6.50 9.00

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.40 Leon Errol in Truth Aches (b/w). **6.55** Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time. *Includes* national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15;** and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather

9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air** from the Rovers Return, the *Coronation Street* pub where stars from Britain's oldest soap await viewers' calls **9.20** Kilroy!

10.00 News and weather followed by *Going for Gold (r).* **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details followed by **Play School** (r), and **The Adventures of Spot** (r).

10.55 Five to Eleven. *Rudolph* Walker with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air** featuring stars of *Coronation Street*; plus the chance to vote for this afternoon's film. On offer are three b/w British comedies — *Too Many Crooks* (1959); *Passport to Pimlico* (1949); and *The Ghost of St Michael's* (1941)

12.00 News and weather followed by *Daytime Live. Magazine series* **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** A shattered Helen vents her anger on her sick sister Laura ***1.50 Going for Gold.***

2.15 Viewers' Choice. This morning's *Open Air* viewers voted for one of the following comedies — *Too Many Crooks* (1959) starring George Cole and directed by Mario Zampi; *Passport to Pimlico* (1949) starring Margaret Rutherford and directed by Henry Cornelius; and *The Ghost of St Michael's* (1941) starring Will Hay, directed by Marcel Varnel. **3.40** Cartoon.

3.50 Pie in the Sky *(r).* **4.10** SuperTed (r). **4.15 Jackanory.** Brian Cant with part four of *The Hermit and the Bear* by John Yeoman **4.30 Around the World with Willy Fog.**

4.55 Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter **5.35** Neighbours (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather **6.35 London Plus.**

7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Bates and Peter Powell.

7.30 EastEnders. Lofty shows a *new self-confidence. (Ceefax)*

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a visit by Judith Hann to Northwick Park Hospital in West London where they are pioneering a *technique which will eradicate* pain felt by mothers during Caesarean births.

8.30 Mastermind presented by Magnus Magnusson from Bedford *School. The specialist subjects* are the history of English costume 1789-1945; Portuguese explorations and discoveries 1415-1815; the history of mathematics; and the lives and films of Laurel and Hardy.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 All the Best — Dave Allen. A selection of sketches from the *Dave Allen at Large series (r).*

10.00 World Figure Skating Championships from Budapest featuring the free dance. The commentator is Alan Weeks.

10.30 *Question Time. Sir Robin* Day's guests are Usha Prashar, director of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations, Max Hastings, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, and MPs Frank Field and Marion Roe.

11.30 *Indian Summer.* The story of a group of unemployed youngsters who took the chance *to spend* a rigorous *time* in India and Nepal (first shown on BBC North West).

12.00 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Innovation and Coal. Ends at **7.20.**

9.00 Ceefax.

9.35 Daytime on Two: basic Spanish conversation series **9.52** *History: Mary Queen of* Scots **10.15** Animals that depend on soil **10.38** Technology and design **11.00** Thinkabout **11.15** Going to school in Victorian times **11.35** Why are some people more competitive than *others?* **12.05** *Science:* the story of polymers **12.25** Alternative therapies **12.50** Appraising the achievements of the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative **1.20** For the young **1.38** Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty* illustrated with puppets **2.00** News and weather followed by *a programme on spring* festivals.

2.15 Writers' Houses. Seamus Heaney visits Dove Cottage in the Lake District once the home of William Wordsworth (r).

2.30 Look, Stranger: The Steam-Powered Vicar. *A profile of the* Rev E. R. Boston whose backyard houses a designated National Transport Museum (r).

3.00 News and weather followed by **World Figure Skating Championships** from Budapest. Barry Davies *introduces* highlights of last night's pairs' free programme.

3.50 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Attic Archives. In the second of his series on *home movies* of the past John Huntley examines *film taken of people at work from* the 1920s to the 1950s.

4.30 Is There Something After Death? The first of a six-part personal enquiry by Ean Begg, a Jungian analyst and psychotherapist, into the *meaning of death. This afternoon* his guest is Elizabeth Farrell from the College of Psychic Studies in London, who leads him to an encounter with his dead godmother.

4.55 My Music (r).

5.30 Holiday 88 *(r). (Ceefax)*

6.00 Battlestar Galactica — Galactica 1980. Part two of the science fiction adventure.

6.45 Cartoon Two. The Aeronauts.

Jonathan Raban: on BBC2, 7.00pm

7.00 Cover to Cover. This week, Hermione Lee and her guest Jonathan Raban discuss Joan Didion's *Miami*; the stories of Edith Wharton; and *Maggie* Hemingway's *Stop House Blues.* They also talk to Dame Alix Meynell about her autobiography *Public Servant; Private Woman.*

7.30 The Education Programme visits St Andrew's Roman Catholic High School, Clydebank, where 80 *per cent of the* adult learners are women and 12 teachers' posts have been saved.

8.00 Out of Court examines the role of industrial tribunals in administering justice. .

8.30 Nature. As the British Society of Animal Producers meet to discuss genetics, an examination of the *latest* developments in that field.

9.00 Blackadder II. Edmund, now Queen Elizabeth's chief *executioner, has the task of* removing Sir Francis Drake's head (r)

9.30 40 Minutes: Five Go to Florida. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.10 Cabaret at the Jongleurs introduced by Arthur Smith.

10.40 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick **11.25** Weather.

11.30 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.35** Discovering Physics. Ends at **12.05am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 *TV-am includes Good Morning* Britain at **6.30** and **8.00,** with news, financial news, sport, weather and travel bulletins. After Nine includes Claire Rayner's *personal advice slot.*

9.25 Thames news.

9.30 Lucky Ladders. Word game presented by Lennie Bennett **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines.

10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet *series presented by* Neil Innes, Richard Robinson and Kate Lee **11.25** Thames news headlines.

11.30 Hometown. Roy Hudd is in *Harrogate where he learns of the* town's time as one of the most famous spas in Europe **12.00 The Sullivans.**

12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.

1.00 What's My Line? **1.30** Falcon Crest. Drama serial **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Smoked Mackerel Paté (r).

2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls 1963 when Dr *Beeching was swinging his* axe at the railway branch lines and a typhoid epidemic hit St Moritz **3.00 Gems.** Rag trade serial, set in London **3.25** *Thames news headlines* **3.30** Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas with the story *Happiness is a New Coat* **4.10 The Moomins.** Episode 18 (r). **4.20** The Sooty Show with Matthew *Corbett* ***4.45 Dennis*** **4.50** Erasmus Microman takes Ben and Jane back in time to meet Michael *Faraday, the inventor* of the electric motor. (Oracle)

5.15 Connections. *Quiz game* presented by Sue Robbie.

5.45 *News with Fiona Armstrong* **6.00** Thames news.

6.30 Emmerdale Farm. A meal with *a client ends in a nightmare* for Alan Turner.

7.00 *Sporting Triangles introduced* by Nick Owen. This week Jimmy Greaves, Tessa Sanderson and Andy Gray are joined by Judy Simpson, Jonathan Davies and *Sharron Davies.*

7.30 Just for Laughs (r).

8.00 Busman's Holiday. Travel quiz

8.30 This Week: Private Health - Too High a Price? Margaret Jay *examines the private health* industry to find out what patients receive when they join up, looking at the small print of the glossy brochures. Includes an *interview with Edwina Currie.*

9.00 L. A. Law. Drama serial set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair *Burnet and Sandy Gall* **10.30** Thames news.

10.35 The City Programme. Post crash — are unit trusts good value to the small investor? Will City financiers invade the pitches of London's football clubs? And the latest news in the Guinness scandal.

11.05 Ice Skating. The World Figure *Championships from Budapest featuring the ice dance free programme.*

12.05am 01- for London. The guest reviewers are Terry Jones and Lenny Henry; and there are interviews with the Temptations *and Robert Townsend about* his film *Hollywood Shuffle.* Followed by **Crimestoppers.**

12.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H.

1.30 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed.

2.00 News headlines *followed by* **Film: Futureworld** *(1976) starring* Peter Fonda and Yul Brynner. Science fiction *follow-up* to *Westworld* in which playground robots went berserk and killed humans. *Directed by* Richard T. Heffron.

4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.**

4.30 America's Top Ten (r).

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools

12.00 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.

12.30 Just 4 Fun. Children's *programmes presented by the* puppet Pob — *Monkeys* and *Old Man of the Mountains.*

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series for children.

2.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholas Woolley. *Reporters* James Mate and Jackie Ashley review yesterday's debates in both Houses and look forward to those scheduled for today.

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Live action from the *first flat race meeting of the* season, introduced by Brough Scott. The Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes (2.40); the Bertie Bassett Stakes (3.10); the Raceform Handicap *Book* Stakes (3.40); and the Racing *Post Mile (4.10). The race* commentator is Graham Goode.

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game presented by William G. Stewart.

5.00 *Ice Skating. The World Figure* Championships from Budapest featuring the men's short programme.

6.00 Blind Faith. A profile of Terry Wallace, who was struck down by blindness caused by diabetes. *He gave up his job as a lorry driver* but what was worse was having to sell his golf clubs, after which he lost all interest in life. Visits to a rehabilitation centre failed to revive his spirits — until he learned that it might be possible to play *golf once* again. He is now captain of the England visually handicapped golf team despite having suffered a heart attack, anaemia, angina, cancer of the throat and kidney failure for which he *undergoes dialysis four times a* day. A born-again Christian, *he, and his wife, are tireless fund* raisers for the renal unit of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Edgbaston, and he is an active member of the Volunteer Visitor Service, *working with other* blind patients.

6.30 The Sharp End examines the turmoil within the TUC over the pull out by Ford from their proposed Dundee plant. Eric Hammond of the EETPU is *interviewed.*

7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.

7.50 Comment from Irwin Everley on the subject of the Nationality *Act. Followed by* **Weather.**

8.00 Take Six Cooks. The sixth course — dessert — is prepared by Robert Mey, Chef Patissier of the Hyatt Carlton Tower, with 40 years' experience.

8.30 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice is *sent scampering over the* Chilterns at the behest of Robin Strand and Ian Taylor looking for hidden treasure. (Oracle)

9.30 Film on Four: Lamb (1965) starring Liam Neeson, Hugh *O'Conor and Ian Bannen. An* award-winning drama about a 10-*year-old epileptic boy who is* sent to a remote and forbidding West of Ireland remand school run by the Christian Brothers by his mother who cannot keep *him under control now that* his bully of a father has left home. *Brother Sebastian, who is* beginning to question his faith, takes pity on the lad and offers him a new life away from the school. Together they escape and re-surface in London as father and son, only for the escapade to *be viewed in Ireland as a* scandalous kidnapping. The net closes in on them as the money runs out. Directed by Colin Gregg

11.35 Film: Half Life (1985, colour and b/w). A documentary about *the events in the Pacific when* the Americans exploded the first hydrogen bomb in the Marshall Islands three decades ago. Directed by Dennis O'Rourke (r).

1.10am Film: The Quiet Duel (1949, b/w) *starring Toshiro Mifune as a* surgeon who contracts syphilis while operating on the wounded during the Second World War. When *he* returns to private practice *he* cannot bring himself to tell his fiancée why they *cannot be married. Directed by* Akira Kurosawa. Ends at **2.55.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 12.00-12.05am News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 8.30-9.00 Golden Voices ENGLAND: 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Folio 12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Donahue 2.00 Nashville Swing 2.30 Film: Law and Disorder 4.00-5.00 Survival Special.

BORDER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00-2.30 Look Who's Talking 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Wallace 12.05am Easy Street 12.30 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.30-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 6.00 News 6.25-6.30 Police 5 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Central Lobby 12.05am Bullseye 12.35 Sportsworld 1.35 Film: Piaf — The Early Years 3.20 Thursday Special 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm News 1.00 Problem Page 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Gems 3.00-3.30 What's My Line? 6.00-6.30 Channel Report 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35 Emergency 999 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.05 McCalmans 11.35 Ice Skating 12.35am Gary Lloyd Sound 12.45 Taxi 1.15 Sports Action 2.15 America's Top 10 2.45 Worlds Beyond 3.15 Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Celebration 12.10am Film: The Manitou 2.05 Sportsworld 3.05 California Highways 3.35 Rock of Europe 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 6.00-6.30 News 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35 West This Week 11.15 Weekend Outlook 11.20 Journey to the Unknown 12.20am Ice Skating 1.20 Meltdown 2.20 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.35 Wales This Week 11.05 Ice Skating 12.05am Journey to the Unknown 1.05-2.05 Meltdown.

TSW As London except:12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30 Wish You Were Here? 2.00-2.30 Short Story 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 Today 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Business South West 12.05am Jerusalem 12.35 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Gems 3.00-3.30 What's My Line..? 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35 Emergency 999 10.40 Agenda 11.35 Ice Skating 12.35am Employment Action! 12.45 Taxi 1.15 Sports Action 2.15 America's Top 10 2.45 Worlds Beyond 3.15 Company, Closedown.

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YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.30-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 6.00-6.30 Calendar 7.30-8.00 Bless This House 10.35-11.05 Benson 12.05 Easy Street 12.35 Film: Dr Franken 2.20 Jobfinder 3.20 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Fifteen to One 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Woman in View 2.30 Racing 4.10 Ffalabalam 4.25 Hafoc 5.00 Figure Skating 6.00 Brookside 6.30 4 What It's Worth 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Eirlys 8.00 Gwyl Ffilm a Theledu Celtaidd 8.35 Dinas 9.05 Stid 10.05 Hill Street Blues 11.00 Gwyl Ffilm a Theledu Celtaidd 11.05 Into Nicaragua 11.50 Cannibal Tours 1.10am Film: Quiet Duel* 2.55 Close

RTE 1 Starts:3.00pm "Live" at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Dilin O Deamhas 4.45 Pat's Pas 5.00 Campbells 5.30 Ten Minute Tales 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.20 Garda Patrol 6.30 Know Your Sport 7.00 Evening Extra 7.25 Last Place on Earth 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Cagney and Lacey 11.05 Bookside 11.35 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:2.00pm Snooker 5.15 Emmerdale Farm 5.45 Laurel and Hardy* 6.05 Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn 6.30 Sullivans 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Snooker 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Mart and Market 8.45 Mailbag 9.00 Dynasty 9.55 Mastermind 10.30 Newsnight 10.50 Snooker 11.50 Nightlight

Twins Kerry and Peter Potthurst en route for the fun of Disney World, Florida: 40 Minutes, BBC2, 9.30pm

A therapeutic trip to Wonderland

TELEVISION CHOICE

● *Five Go to Florida*, Julia McLaren's film for 40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.30pm) may suggest Enid Blyton, but it is a more in the realm of *Jim'll Fix It* — except that the fixers are not the veteran pop picker but two British Airways staff, Derek Pereira and Pat Pearce. As a result of their initiative in raising £140,000 through sponsorship and donations, nearly 300 seriously sick and disabled children were last year able to enjoy the trip of a lifetime. In many cases it will have been their last holiday; some have already died. They went to Disney World in Florida, a temporary escape from the real world of hospitals and pacemakers and wondering how much longer their lives will last. Julia McLaren focuses on five of the kids, victims of cancer, heart disease, cystic fibrosis, and intercuts their stories with happy shots of the American journey. For greater impact, she might have chosen fewer subjects. Five case histories are a lot to digest in a film of this length and they tend to merge one into another. There is a sense, too, in which the two halves of the film do not join up, for once enveloped in the Disney World razzmatazz, the sick kids are indistinguishable from the rest. And, apart from 16-year-old Adrian's being bemused by the offer of strawberry jam on his scrambled eggs, there is little sense of how these young Britons reacted to their first brush with the New World. The more trenchant sections of the film deal with life back home, the courage and humour of the children, the never-ending anxiety of the parents. Typical of the kids is Lee Brash, a chirpy 11-year-old from Edinburgh who has worked out that he has to take 8,632 pills a year in an attempt to contain the cystic fibrosis for which he knows there is no cure.

Peter Waymark

Vocal epic of war

RADIO CHOICE

● And so we reach the end of Thucydides's history of **The Sicilian Expedition** (Radio 3, 9.20pm), with the defending Syracusans triumphant and the invading Athenians vanquished. One thing has to be said right away about John Theocharis's six-parter. Like it or not, there has never been a radio version of a major military campaign like it. It has charted the movements and clashings of vast numbers of ships and men without hardly ever calling on the resources of the BBC sound effects library (you must have been as surprised as I was to hear, in last night's episode, the cries of some hovering seagulls). Having all but eliminated the sounds of war in favour of the narrative of Thucydides and the speeches of General Nicias and Co. *The Sicilian Expedition* should also have got rid of the muttered responses of the crowd "extras". Then, indeed, we would have had a military epic that would have been positively Brechtian.

● Stan Barstow's play **The Apples of Paradise** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) started life as a story, which is apparent from its episodic nature and the considerable amount of time and space it spans. For a shortish play, it has an unusually high mortality rate in wives, but it does, at least, make the maximum dramatic use of this fact and I frequently found myself being touched by this tale of Gerald Hare (played by Russell Dixon) and his ill-advised return to the hometown where he once let true love slip through his fingers.

Russell Dixon: The Apples of Paradise, R4, 3.00pm

Peter Davalle

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm,** then at **10.00** and **12.00** *midnight* **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies (live from *Ideal Home Exhibition)* **3.00** Nicky Campbell **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.00** The Hit According to Jonathan King ***10.00-12.00*** Andy Kershaw. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports *Round-Up* ***8.50am*** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Liz Allen **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria *Hunniford* **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones (featuring Mr C in session) **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT 6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 *Juke Box Dury* 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of *British* Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News and Sports Roundup 9.45 Story of English 10.00 News 10.01 *Assignment* 10.30 King Street Junior 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Letter from England 11.30 *Londres Midi* 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Jazz Scene UK 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Write On... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Letter From England 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 *Londres Soir* 6.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News 9.01 Talking From... 9.15 A Jolly *Good Show* 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from England 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 *Sports Roundup* 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Seven Seas 11.30 Great Love Duets 11.40 Farming World *12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain* 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Jazz Scene UK 1.45 Talking From... 2.00 News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Health Matters 2.30 Citizens 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four *Eight* 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Maths Foundation tutorial **6.55** News and weather

7.00 Morning Concert: Dvorak *(Othello overture:* Ulster Orchestra), Brahms (Intermezzi in A minor and A major; Ballade in G minor, Op 118: Stephen Bishop *Kovacevich,* piano) **7.30** News

7.35 Concert (continued): Tchaikovsky (Hamlet overture: Israel PO), Chausson (Chanson perpetuelle: with Frederica von Stade, soprano), Respighi (Brazilian Impressions: Philharmonia under Geoffrey Simon) **8.30** News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Strauss. *Symphony in E flat,* The Happy Workshop: Munich Wind Soloists Academy under Wolfgang Sawallisch); and An den *Baum Daphne (boys' voices* of King's College Choir, Cambridge, with BBC Singers)

9.35 Debussy Piano Music: Howard Shelley plays Children's Corner; Estampes

10.10 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Leo Brouwer. Rossini's Sonata No 1 in G, and Haydn's Symphony No 82

10.55 Ernest Bloch: Peter Manning (violin) and Julian Jacobson (piano) perform works including Baal Shem, Three Pictures of Chassidic *Life; Nigun (Improvisation):* and Violin Sonata No 2

11.45 Robert Mayer Concert: BBC SO under Lionel Friend, with Paul Crossley (piano). *Mendelssohn (Overture in C major);* Holst (Prelude and Scherzo; Hammersmith); *Stravinsky (Concerto for* piano and wind instruments): Vaughan Williams (English Folk Song Suite) **1.00** News

1.05 *BBC Singers in Bristol:* Schubert (Choir of Angels, from Goethe's Faust), and Psalm 92, D 953; Brahms (Three Songs, Op 42); Hans *Gal (Motet,* Op 19; and Three Part Songs, Op 37)

2.00 Musicians of the Royal Exchange: Falla's Pantomime; and Ritual Fire *Dance; and Lyapunov's* Sextet in B flat minor, Op 63

2.50 Andrea Chénier: Giordano's opera in four acts. Sung in Italian. Giuseppe Patane *conducts Hungarian State* Orchestra, Children's Choir of Hungarian State Opera; and Hungarian State Radio and Television Chorus. With José Carreras in the title role. Cast also includes Eva Marton, Tamara Takacs, Gabor Vaghelyi, Tullio Pane, Istvan Rozsos

José Carreras as Andrea Chénier: on R3, 2.50pm

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Richard Baker with a programme of recorded music

6.30 Bandstand: Band of the Coldstream Guards under *Captain Roger Swift. Alfred* Reed (El camino real, and Lorva Horovel), and James Curnow (Partita)

7.00 News bulletin

7.05 *Third Ear: The composer* Robert Saxton in conversation with Michael Hall

7.30 Mahler: Vienna Philharmonic under Claudio Abbado perform Symphony No 9

8.55 Ravel: Philip Martin (piano) plays *Gaspard de la nuit*

9.20 The Sicilian Expedition: final instalment of the adaptationof the narrative of Thucydides: The Retreat *from Syracuse,* 413 BC. With Edward de Souza as Thucydides (see Choice)

9.45 Music in Our Time: a performance of Gyorgy Kurtag's Kafka Fragments, recorded at the 1987 New Music Week in Budapest. With Adrienne Csengery (soprano), and Andras Keller (violin)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Josquin. Recordings of *Missa la sol fa re mi;* Virgo prudentissima; and Stabat mater dolorosa

11.45 Webern: Nash Ensemble under Simon Rattle perform *Concerto, Op 24; and Alban* Berg Quartet play String Quartet, Op 28 **12.00** News

12.05 Wolf 88: Elly Ameling (soprano) and Dalton Baldwin (piano). Das Veslassene Mägdlein. Ends *at* **12.10**

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM

5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, etc* **7.25, 8.25** Sport **9.00** News bulletin

9.05 Punters: members of the public make their own *investigative radio* programme.

9.45 Journey Round My People: Jamaican-born Londoner Ferdi Dennis visits the black *community in Birmingham* (r)

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme

10.45 An Act of Worship: with the *Rev Trevor Huddleston (s)*

11.00 News; Travel; Citizens

11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor *in conversation* with Christine Hart, *manager of a centre for the* unemployed in Hartlepool

11.50 English Now: David Crystal's series on *language*

12.00 News; You and Yours: Care provision for the elderly

12.25 Flying the Flag: Comedy by Alex Shearer starring Dinsdale Landen *as the* ambassador at one of HM Embassies in a far-flung people's republic

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The *Archers* **1.55** *Shipping*

2.00 News, Woman's Hour, incl a report on America's law against "ageism". Other projected items include a feature on love seats in Slough.

3.00 News; The Apples of Paradise: play by Stan Barstow, with Russel Dixon as the man who, returning to his home town, remembers the one woman *in his life he really loved.* Cast also includes Stephanie Turner and Joanne Zorian (see Choice) (s)

4.00 News bulletin

4.05 Bookshelf: with Nigel Forde. Includes an item on the Poetry Book Society

4.35 Kaleidoscope: another chance to hear last night's edition, which included comment on the film *Moonstruck; Orlando, at the* Guildhall, Barbican

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast

6.00 News, incl Financial Report

6.30 Prompt! Sheila Hancock leads the threatre quiz with guests Ray Brooks, Anna Massey, Sheila Steafel and Harold Innocent **7.00** News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 *Any Answers? An* opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last week's Any Questions?. *Introduced by Brian Gear*

7.30 Now We Are 60: Richard Murdoch considers the funnier *side of being* over 60, with help from Joyce Grenfell and others

7.55 Time to Wear Purple: Poems about growing old. The readers: *Jill Balcon* and Peter Jeffrey

8.15 Analysis: Researching Success. David Wheeler considers the future of scientific research

9.00 Does He Take Sugar?: *Magazine of special interest* to the disabled

9.30 An Englishman's House: *Margaret Howard visits* interior designer Nicholas Haslam in his London home

9.45 Kaleidoscope: items include Robbins Landon's book *1791 — Mozart's Last year*

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walter de la Mare (episode 14 of 15) **10.29** Weather

10.30 *The World Tonight*

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather

FM as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM *(continued)* **11.30** *Open University:* **11.30** Education Otherwise **11.50** Renaissance Portraiture **12.30-1.00** Schools Night-Time: Secondary English

Scotland

6.00 As Radio 4 UK **6.10** *Farming* **6.30** Good Morning Scotland

9.00 News **9.03** Head On

10.30 A Measure of Scots

11.00 News **11.02** Citizens **11.25** Carrocher's London **11.30** Macgregor's Gathering incl **12.00** News ***12.30*** *Lunchtime Report,* News **12.55** Fishmarket Report

1.00 As Radio 4 UK **1.40** Jimmy Mack, incl **2.00, 3.00** News

3.03 *Art Sutter incl* **4.00** *News*

5.00 Good Evening Scotland

6.00 News **6.15** Farming **6.30** Eastern Echoes .

7.00 News **7.02** Corridors of *Power* **7.30** Take the Jazz Train

8.30 Travelling Folk **9.58** Weather

10.00 News **10.10** Tom Ferrie *incl* **11.00** News **12.00-Close** As Radio 4 UK

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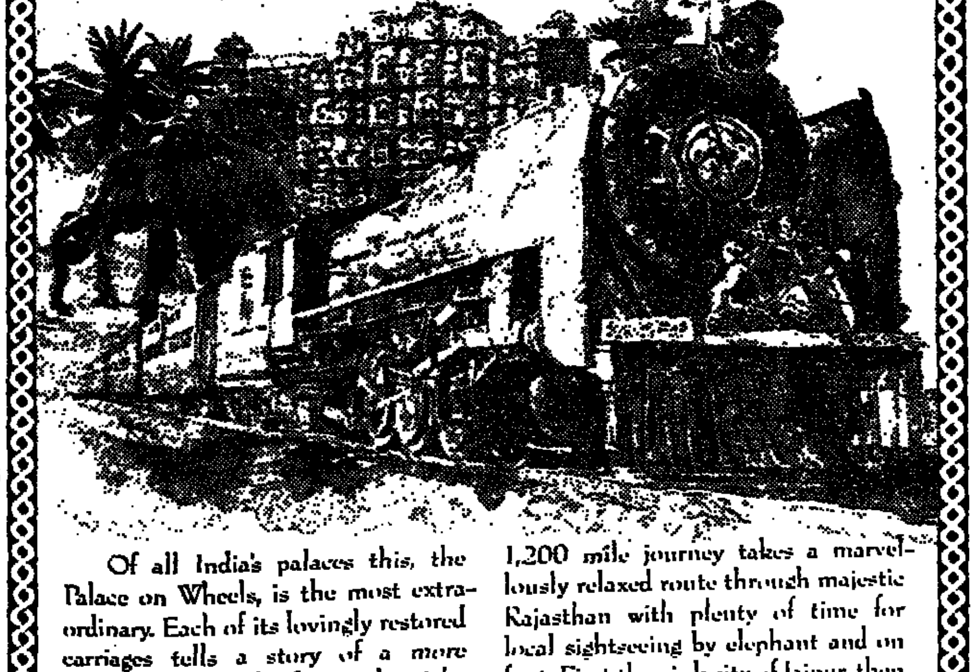

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Thatcher consoles soldiers' families at homecoming

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Mrs Thatcher, obviously moved by the simple dignity of the homecoming, talked with the relatives before and after the ceremony.

Brigadier Cowan said: "It was a very private and emotional meeting. The Prime Minister expressed all our thoughts about the tremendous courage, restraint, self-discipline and example these two young men showed.

"Everybody who knew these men is very sad, yet extremely proud of them."

Corporal Wood will be buried with full military honours at Carshalton, south London, today. Corporal Howes will be buried at a family funeral near his Northampton home tomorrow.

More than 5,000 people attended a Belfast service yesterday in honour of the dead soldiers. Factory workers, office staff and shoppers sang hymns and prayed at the City Hall cenotaph.

After two minutes' silence, the Last Post was played. Among those laying wreaths were two soldiers from the Royal Corps of Signals.

Among those laying wreaths in memory of the soldiers was the commanding officer of the Royal Corps of Signals in Northern Ireland, Lieutenant Colonel Martin Roberts and Lieutenant General Sir Robert Pascoe, GOC of the troops in Northern Ireland.

Catholic priest Father Hugh Murphy was also present.

Anger at the murders spilled over into some of the messages pinned to the wreaths.

One read: "Will always be remembered — our soldiers slaughtered, signed the residents of Shankill Estate."

Another from the bakery workers carried the inscription: "To our very brave heroes murdered by the enemies of Ulster".

Mr Dixie Gilmore, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, said that through television the world had seen the most horrendous act of savagery.

The two soldiers did not die in vain because the world had seen "the true face of the barbarian IRA who delight in murder, torturing the living and mutilating the dead".

The service had been held to show that the ordinary decent people of Belfast wanted nothing to do with such savagery, he added. It was also being held to commend the courage of the two soldiers who had shown true heroism by not opening fire.

The crowd applauded loudly when it heard the Lord ask the world not to judge Ulster's decent people by the "scum of humanity who carried out this barbarous act of butchery".

Dr Jack Shearer, the Anglican dean of Belfast, said that the two young men had died because they were members of the security forces.

"Without them and others like them, we would all be under the thumb of the gunmen", he said.

Referring to Mr Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, Dr Shearer said politicians like him who call black white and white black would be the masters of Northern Ireland.

"People in England must ask themselves 'is it worthwhile sending our young men over to this Province?'. I would say, without them there would be chaos and anarchy."

"A real solution to our problems will only come when we all get together and try to resolve our differences.

"Building bridges and crossing the divide should be our priority in future whether we be politicians, churchmen or just ordinary citizens.

Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Roberts, commanding officer of the dead men, laying a wreath at the Belfast memorial service

Commons sketch

Deafening sounds of Labour silence

"The deafening silence from the benches opposite ..." began the Scottish Secretary of State, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, only to be interrupted by a deafening roar from the benches opposite.

"The deafening silence from the ..." again Mr Rifkind had to sit down, while the clamour sizzled to a halt.

"The deafening silence of the Labour Party ..." Mr Rifkind was not to be diverted from his peculiar diagnosis, even though the Scottish Labour Party benches, normally pretty noisy, were now screeching and cackling and ranting at the very top of their voices.

Out in the gentle streets of Westminster, passers-by must have been nipping over to the other side of the road for fear of becoming involved. And still Mr Rifkind complained of the silence.

The crocodiles from Dundee and surrounding areas were snapping at the heels of the Secretary of State for Scotland; and he, in turn, was snapping back at them. Scottish Questions always tend to lack the children's tea-party aspect of most other areas of debate. Scottish Tories and socialists do not laughingly throw jellies at one another, they do not giggle at each other's antics, they do not splutter and coo as Uncle Malc makes jobs disappear up his sleeve.

No, the atmosphere is rather closer to the antechamber of a divorce court, with venomous looks, shaking fists, mutual accusation and anger, unrelieved by humour. Following the goings-on, or goings-off, at Dundee, the atmosphere had become even more tense, the divorce court turning into a murder court, with all the witnesses ever-ready to see blood on each other's hands.

It was a poor afternoon for catching the second half of sentences. If, on the other hand, one was solely interested in the first half of sentences it was a field day, with endless repeats, re-runs and re-wordings.

Dr John Reid (Labour, Motherwell North) rose to his feet in fury. "Just as the Secretary of State is prepared to do nothing to protect jobs in Dundee ..." he began. And this time it was for the Tory benches to whine and wail. "Pathetic, pathetic, pathetic," they squealed, so much so that Dr Reid had to repeat his first half once more. "Just as the Secretary of State is prepared to do nothing ..." Again he was interrupted.

Dr Reid advised the Members opposite to listen and they would understand what he had to say. This seemed a little over-optimistic for a doctor, rather as if he was prescribing cough mixture for a broken neck. "Pathetic! Pathetic!" His patients were resisting his treatment.

Whenever Scottish Questions are going badly, whenever it seems that relations between the parties have reached an all-time low, whenever the funeral bells are being tolled for Scottish Parliamentary Democracy, up stands Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, and matters instantly become worse.

Mr Fairbairn is like some bizarre prophet from one of the less reliable books of the Old Testament, a red-faced huffenpuffer shaking his watch-chains at the woes of the world, swaying on his feet and begging retribution for one and all. Or perhaps he is less prophet, more locust. Certainly, he likes to leap to his feet when times are at their most gloomy, fluttering his opinions in the faces of the bedraggled.

"There is not a single member who does not wish and pray, for Scotland and indeed for Great Britain ..."

Looking like no one else alive, Mr Fairbairn favours speaking on behalf of the entire world. He warned that they were "on the brink of a cataclysmic catastrophe," and, so saying, his hands shot this way and that, his watch-chains swaying in the howling gales thereby created. As he spoke of negotiations running for five months, he held his fingers outstretched in the air, as if waving to some unseen and awesome granny.

Reaching his climax, he removed his spectacles and, thrusting them hither and thither, begged for a debate "for the whole of Scotland and the whole of England". His spectacles still clutched in his hand, he flopped back in his seat, allowing the Members opposite to bellow out a few more deafening silences.

Craig Brown

Hammond wins delay in TUC censure vote

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Mr Hammond said the TUC could discipline one of its affiliates under rule 13 (c) only if the organization had disobeyed a direction to "discontinue such activities which are contrary to the declared principles of Congress" under 13 (b).

The electricians' breach of those "declared principles" was in accepting 20 applications from employees working for News International. Their memberships had subsequently been terminated and Mr Hammond had apologized.

Before the powers under rule 13 (c) could be exercised Mr Hammond said the general council would have to first point out what the new breachs of "declared principles" were. He said there were no new breaches.

Mr Hammond angrily accused his colleagues of "whipping up" the votes against him before he had a chance to put his case.

"That purpose was to mute out voice and to diminish our influence during the consideration of single-union so-called no-strike agreements.

TUC backs engineers' deal with Ford

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"We cannot have jobs at any price. I do not support the TUC's advice and therefore I cannot recommend it to my members. Single-union agreements must be retained within the blue book agreement. Do we suddenly disregard an agreement that has been 40 years in existence?" he said.

However, last night it became clear that Ford officials at the Dagenham plant had voted to support the deal against Mr Todd's advice.

Mr Bill Jordan and Mr Gavin Laird, the AEU president and general secretary, will this morning fly to Detroit to tell company officials that there is now nothing stopping the deal going through except their own decision.

Mr Willis is determined to go with the leaders of the engineering union to "take the message of the trade union movement to Ford officials in Detroit". He said: "I will now be seeking an urgent meeting with the company with the intent of reversing its decision to cancel its proposed plant. in Dundee."

Mr John Emmett, Ford's public affairs manager, significantly did not reiterate the company's decision to pull out of Dundee. Instead he said: "We will have to wait and see what develops. I cannot give a reaction until we see what the union leaders have to offer."

The TUC last night called on the support of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish Development Agency, the Scottish TUC, Tayside regional council and Dundee district council for Mr Willis's last attempt to persuade Ford to build its plant in Dundee.

However, in the House of Commons, Mr Rifkind said he would use his best judgement as to whether Ford could be asked to reconsider. One of the Minister's aides said Mr Rifkind was prepared to make representations if the transport union "clarified its opposition to the deal".

The Government is still looking for a "definite and unequivocal indication that all the unions are prepared to accept the single-union deal on which Ford based their original investment plans".

Mr Laird was confident that the TGWU would honour the agreement and "stand by the general council's decision". He said now that local transport union officials in Dagenham had voted to back the deal he was confident

Duke attacks human disregard for nature

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday attacked what he called the arrogance of the human race in claiming to have "conquered" nature.

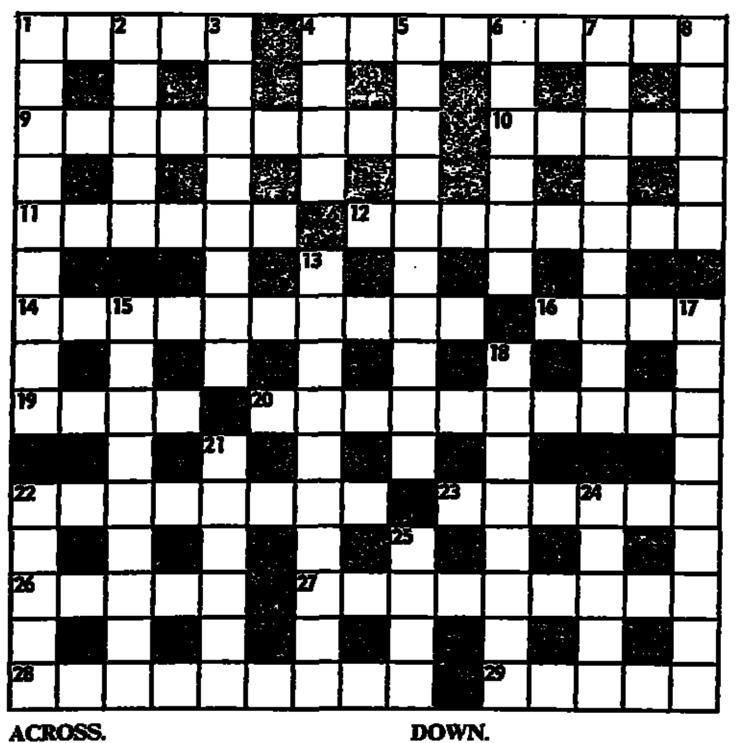
"There are certain figures of speech which are not just misleading in themselves, but also betray a particular attitude of mind," he said in an address to the Royal Society of Arts.

"The use of the word conquest seems to imply that man has somehow managed to put something under subjugation.

"In the sense that human conquerors have usually laid waste to the land of their defeated enemies, this claim might well be substantiated. However, I think there is little doubt that it is based on what are seen to be achievements in the promotion of human self-interest, with complete disregard for the interests of the rest of life on earth."

The Duke's comments were made less than 24 hours after his son, the Prince of Wales, had expressed grave concern over environmental issues.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,625



ACROSS.

1 Stone containing tin is limited (5).
4 As a precaution, get a reliable watch (9).
9 Match procedure requires alteration (9).
10 Climber needing a fixing on the way back (5).
11 Dress fastener that is doubly secure (3-3).
12 Join in? Ten possibly coming forward (8).
14 Be so kind as to take a card (4,1,5).
16 Page caught in vestibule affray (4).
19 End of sojourn in river valley (4).
20 Change name and return duty list to current producer (10).
22 Military formations ordered south to receive uniform (8).
23 Pass on motorway turning section (6).
26 Paint mixture is unsuitable (4).
27 Spots felines including one chasing duck (9).
28 Charlie, for instance, putting on an act? (9).
29 Hang Doctor Gibbon! (5).

DOWN.

1 Scored but withdrawn from match (9).
2 Member in drink – lots of it (5).
3 Very warm current in river? No, just the reverse (8).
4 Well sheltered from mounted artillery (4).
5 Inexpensive shopping centre specialising in jumpers? (4,6).
6 Learning under State provision is more than sufficient (6).
7 Reduction in rank for cowardly soldiers in army rising (9).
8 Lacking intelligence about rocket head design (5).
13 Very comfortable as good footwear should be (4-6).
15 Provide justification for under five show (9).
17 Early warning of a street diversion (9).
18 Lively Harry met Diana (8).
21 Keep part of this piece (6).
22 Low character second rate and lacking backbone (5).
24 Bouquet from rising artist with love to mother (5).
25 Beetle avoids a black mark (4).

Concise crossword, page 13.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MENSCH
a. An editorial puff
b. A decent chap
c. A brown-collar worker

DEKE
a. To lure at ice hockey
b. An Armenian clergyman
c. A miniature dachshund

INTER
a. Half time at lacrosse
b. An Italian sophomore
c. A radio station

SCAT
a. A knock
b. Animal droppings
c. Nonsense song

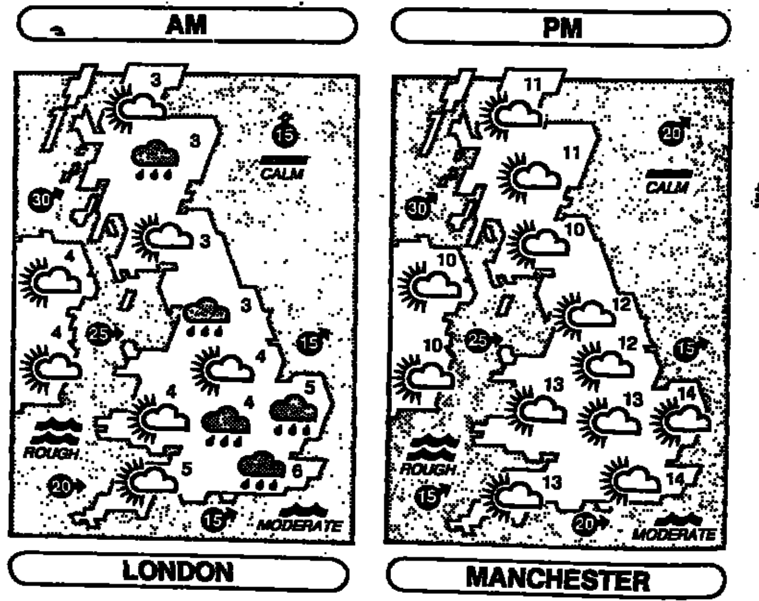
Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,624

P	A	P	E	R	S	■	G	U	N	F	I	G	H	T
■	L	■	Y	■	E	■	I	■	A	■	N	■	A	■
T	I	M	E	S	E	R	V	E	R	■	D	U	M	B
■	E	■	B	■	S	■	E	■	C	■	U	■	M	■
U	N	D	R	E	A	M	T	■	O	U	S	T	E	D
■	■	■	I	■	W	■	H	■	S	■	■	■	R	■
T	H	U	G	■	■	■	E	P	I	N	A	S	T	Y
■	O	■	H	■	B	■	G	■	S	■	I	■	O	■
A	R	E	T	H	U	S	A	■	■	■	R	E	E	D
■	S	■	■	■	N	■	M	■	S	■	W	■	■	■
S	E	A	D	O	G	■	E	U	P	H	O	R	I	C
■	S	■	I	■	A	■	A	■	E	■	R	■	D	■
T	H	I	N	■	L	A	W	R	E	N	T	I	A	N
■	O	■	A	■	O	■	A	■	C	■	H	■	H	■
T	E	A	R	A	W	A	Y	■	H	A	Y	M	O	W

WEATHER

Cloudy and wet at first over Scotland and much of England with fog and heavy rain in places. Brighter showery weather over Northern Ireland, Wales and south-west England will spread quickly east to reach most parts of the mainland by late morning. It will become windy in the north-west with gales in exposed parts of Scotland. Further cloud and rain will affect parts of the south-west later. Outlook: More cloud and rain with snow over higher ground.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Malta	18	64	f
Algiers	17	63	c	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Athens	17	63	f	Mexico C*	24	75	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Miami*	23	73	s
Barbads*	29	84	s	Milan	14	57	s
Bermuda*	18	64	s	Nairobi	29	84	f
Biarritz	13	55	c	Naples	16	61	f
Borde'x	13	55	c	N Delhi	28	82	s
B Aires*	22	72	c	N York*	3	37	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Nice	16	61	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Perth	21	70	r
C'blanca	18	64	f	Rhodes	17	63	c
Chicago*	10	50	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Riyadh	22	72	f
Corfu	15	59	c	Rome	17	63	s
Dublin	10	50	f	S F'risco*	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	12	54	c	S Paulo*	28	82	s
Florence	17	63	s	Seoul	8	46	s
Frankfurt	9	48	c	Sing'por	27	81	r
Funchal	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Geneva	8	46	r	Sydney	21	70	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Hong K	17	63	c	Tel aviv	17	63	f
Innsbrck	9	48	c	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jeddah	29	84	s	Tunis	18	64	f
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Valencia	23	73	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	5	41	r
Le Tquet	10	50	c	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Vienna	11	52	f
Locarno	15	59	s	Warsaw	1	34	c
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	6	43	s
Luxembg	7	45	c	Wel'nton	14	57	c
Madrid	18	64	s	Zurich	6	43	r

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Rain	Max		
	hrs	in	C	F	
Scarboro	7.1	.01	11	52	sunny
Cromer	7.6	.02	14	57	sunny
Clacton	6.6	.04	11	52	shower
Southend	*	.05	11	52	cloudy
Folkestone	2.5	.03	14	57	shower
Hastings	3.1	-	11	52	bright
Eastbourne	1.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.8	-	11	52	cloudy
Bognor R	2.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	2.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.4	.03	12	54	rain
Shanklin	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Exmouth	0.7	.01	13	55	drizzle
Teignmouth	1.0	.01	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	0.6	.04	12	54	rain
Falmouth	1.9	.15	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	12.7	.23	11	52	sunny
Newquay	1.1	.09	12	54	rain
Minehead	0.7	.02	13	55	drizzle
Morecambe	0.1	.13	12	54	rain
Douglas	*	.41	8	46	rain
Carlisle	0.7	.01	10	50	rain
Nottingham	2.3	.05	11	52	bright
Tenby	-	.30	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.05	8	46	rain
Aberdeen	0.6	.12	7	45	fog
Aviemore	3.4	-	11	52	fog
Kinloss	2.5	-	13	55	fog
Lerwick	-	.06	6	43	drizzle
Tiree	0.3	.20	8	46	rain
Wick	1.0	-	7	45	fog

* Denotes figures not available
These are Tuesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.43	6.7	6.05	6.3
Aberdeen	5.18	3.4	5.54	3.4
Avonmouth	11.05	11.0	11.13	10.6
Belfast	3.07	3.2	3.41	3.0
Cardiff	10.50	10.3	10.58	9.9
Devonport	9.45	4.6	10.01	4.6
Dover	2.50	6.0	3.19	5.6
Falmouth	9.16	4.4	9.31	4.4
Glasgow	4.22	4.8	5.02	4.5
Harwich	3.39	3.7	4.02	3.3
Holyhead	2.08	4.8	2.42	4.8
Hull	10.17	6.3	10.51	6.1
Ilfracombe	9.53	7.5	10.07	7.2
Leith	6.52	4.6	7.19	4.7
Liverpool	2.56	8.1	3.25	7.8
Lowestoft	1.21	2.3	1.48	2.0
Margate	3.46	4.5	4.10	4.1
Milford Haven	10.13	5.7	10.30	5.5
Newquay	9.09	5.8	9.26	5.6
Oban	9.32	3.0	9.29	3.0
Penzance	8.57	4.5	9.13	4.8
Portland	10.28	1.5	10.28	1.5
Portsmouth	3.14	4.3	3.47	4.0
Shoreham	2.42	5.5	3.15	5.2
Southampton	2.49	4.0	3.21	3.8
Swansea	10.16	8.1	10.31	7.8
Tees	7.49	4.5	8.19	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	3.36	3.9	3.59	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.555	2.415
Austria Sch	22.60	21.50
Belgium Fr	67.55	64.25
Canada $	2.38	2.26
Denmark Kr	12.36	11.76
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.37
France Fr	10.90	10.40
Germany Dm	3.22	3.06
Greece Dr	269	239
Hong Kong $	14.82	14.07
Ireland Pt	1.208	1.148
Italy Lira	2375	2265
Japan Yen	242.50	230.50
Netherlands Gld	3.61	3.44
Norway Kr	12.12	11.52
Portugal Esc	262	249
South Africa Rd	4.40	3.90
Spain Pta	214.25	203.25
Sweden Kr	11.38	10.83
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.53
USA $	1.91	1.82
Yugoslavia Dnr	2670	2270

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* index closed down 3.4 at 1450.8.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 47 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.32 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.51 pm to 5.22 am
Bristol 7.00 pm to 5.31 am
Edinburgh 7.05 pm to 5.32 am
Manchester 7.00 pm to 5.29 am
Penzance 7.12 pm to 5.44 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Belfast, 0.5 in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, and Lowestoft, 7.6 hr.

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
5.54 am	6.21 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
2.03 am	8.35 am

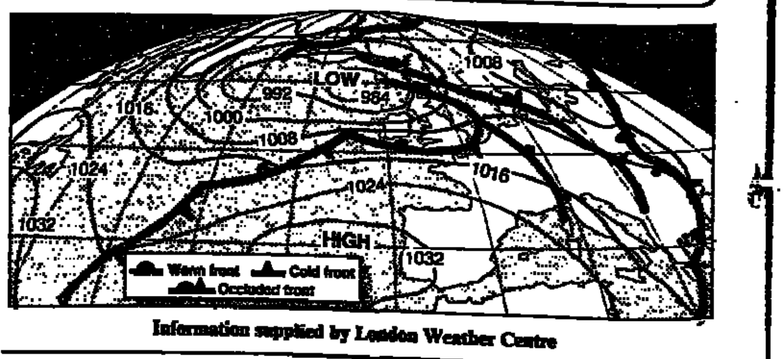
First Quarter tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	r	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'rmgham	9	48	f	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	10	50	c	London	11	52	f
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchster	7	45	c
Edinburgh	10	50	f	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	8	46	c	R'nldsway	9	48	f

NOON TODAY



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David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1459.8 (−3.4)

FT-SE 100
1832.2 (−3.2)

Bargains
30848 (31413)

USM (Datastream)
151.66 (−0.51)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8365 (+0.0049)

W German mark
3.1046 (+0.0075)

Trade-weighted
77.3 (+0.2)

Profit dips at Charles Barker

Charles Barker, the advertising and public relations group, blames exceptional reorganization costs of £942,00 and losses of £563,000 on discontinued operations for its 25.6 per cent profits setback in the year ended December 31.

Pretax profits fell from £3.43 million to £2.55 million though turnover rose from £90.4 million to £105.8 million. Trading profits on continuing operations and before exceptional items were 29 per cent higher at £4.25 million.

Net earnings were 6p (10.3p) a share. A final dividend of 2.1p makes a year's payment of 3.2p (3p). The shares diped to 111p, before partly recovering to 115p — a 3p setback.

Hepworth up

Hepworth Ceramic reports a near 50 per cent leap in pretax profits in 1987, from £41.04 million to £60.23 million. Earnings per share are up from 17.19p to 21.34p and a 6.3p final dividend makes 9.9p for the year against 8.28p last time.

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Sunleigh rises

Pretax profits at Sunleigh Electronics, the USM-quoted electrical and electronics manufacturer, jumped 68 per cent to £1.72 million last year on turnover up 39 per cent at £14 million. Earnings per share are up 45 per cent to 2.86p, and the dividend rises by 50 per cent to 0.5625p.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2061.17 (−4.98)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25895.23 (+52.48)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2561.95 (−32.95)
Amsterdam: Gen	251.7 (+1.4)
Sydney: AO	1427.0 (+7.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1447.5 (+10.8)
Brussels:	
General	4973.2 (+10.8)
Paris: CAC	293.1 (−0.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	460.8 (+2.6)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	941.71 (−2.36)
FT.— "500"	1035.48 (−3.4)
FT. Gold Mines	244.9 (−4.1)
FT. Fixed interest	97.72 (+0.2)
FT. Govt Secs	90.36 (+0.08)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Silkolene	315p (+20p)
AB Elect	398½p (+14p)
Pearson	682½p (+13p)
Fitch Design	382p (+15p)
Burns-Anderson	137½p (+10p)
Parrish	235p (+10p)
P & O dfd	616½p (+12p)
Cons Gold	940p (+22p)
H Mackay	295p (+12p)
High-Point	317½p (+10p)
Campari	298½p (+10p)
Bradford	650p (+10p)
Manganese Bronze	252½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Barratt Devs	198½p (−17p)
Body Shop	535p (−15p)
WPP	513p (−15p)
Trinity Intnl	710p (−18p)
Federated Housing	286p (−13p)
Anglia Sec	427½p (−12p)
Dencora	175p (−10p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month Interbank $8\frac{11}{16}$-$8\frac{9}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8\frac{9}{32}$-$8\frac{7}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.84-5.83%*
30-year bonds 101½-$101\frac{17}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8366	£: $1.8355*
£: DM3.1046	$: DM1.6918*
£: SwFr2.5683	$: SwFr1.3990*
£: FFr10.5525	$: FFr5.7465*
£: Yen232.68	$: Yen127.15*
£: Index:77.3	$: Index:93.8
ECU £0.666809	SDR £0.747277

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $450.00 pm-$449.50
close $451.00-451.50 (£245.25-245.75)
New York:
Comex $452.10-452.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $15.30bbl ($14.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Abbey plans to go public

Building society seeks approval for conversion

By Vivien Goldsmith

The Abbey National is the first building society to announce definite plans to convert from a mutual building society to a public company.

No decision has yet been taken on whether there will be a money-raising exercise through a rights issue, but Abbey will transfer shares to its existing "owners", the 4 million members, rather than sell to the public as was done in the privatization of the Trustee Savings Bank.

Unlike the TSB, where there was doubt over the ownership of the group, the Building Societies Act makes clear that Britain's second largest building society with assets of £27 billion is owned by its 4 million members.

Those adult members with more than £100 in their accounts stand to emerge as the initial shareholders of the new company. Under the draft regulations, those under 18 or with less than £100 in their accounts on the named day will be entitled to a cash handout.

But first, the building society must obtain permission from investors and borrowers to go ahead with the float. This will be a massive undertaking. It needs to muster votes from 20 per cent of the 4 million investors eligible to vote — those over 18 and with more than £100 in their accounts. Then 75 per cent of those voting will have to vote 'yes'.

A separate ballot of the Abbey's 1.5 million borrowers will have to take place with at least half voting.

The Abbey wants to convert from a building society owned by its members to release itself from the constraints of the Building Societies Act.

Although the terms of the Act were altered at the end of last year to ease the restrictions, the Abbey still believes it can operate more freely outside the building society framework. This would involve technically becoming a bank and operating under Bank of England control.

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But Sir Campbell Adamson, chairman of the Abbey National, said yesterday: "We will not call ourselves a bank. We do not want to be a bank anymore than Marks and Spencer wants to be a bank."

He emphasized that conversion is not an end in itself, but a means to an end — making the organization more competitive.

There is no timetable for conversion as the Building Societies Commission has not yet published the final version of the terms under which building societies will be able to convert. They are expected soon. But however swiftly these final rules are published and brought into force via a statutory instrument, it will probably be at least a year before Abbey National Plc appears at the Stock Exchange.

Sir Campbell Adamson: 'We do not want to be a bank'

Advertising agencies will be pitching strongly for the new wave of Abbey advertising. At present, the Abbey has three agencies, Saatchi & Saatchi, Lonsdale, and McCormick Publicis which gave the Abbey trendy Jonathan Ross, the man who is credited with making the suit fashionable.

The Abbey currently spends £27 million a year on advertising and this can be expected to rise as the float approaches.

As news of the float was kept a secret, no advertising "beauty parades" have yet been held. But it is likely, says the Abbey, that it will look beyond its current trio of agencies for advertising ideas.

The Abbey made its announcement while reporting record annual results with pretax profits up by 30 per cent to £353 million. The return on assets increased from 80p to 90p per £100, and reserves increased from £928 million to £1,133 million, giving a reserve ratio of 4.29 per cent.

Competition in the mortgage market was fierce and loans to borrowers slipped back from £6.2 million in 1986 to £6.1 million last year.

Not so 'bootiful' £1m setback

Grain price problems come home to roost: Mr Bernard Matthews on the production line (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Profits fall at Bernard Matthews

By Alison Eadie

Bernard Matthews, the Norfolk turkey and red meat producer, suffered a £1 million decline in pretax profits, to £14.1 million, in the 53 weeks to January 3. Turnover was marginally lower, at £136 million.

The company had forecast the decline last December. Adverse weather in the first half and unexpectedly high grain prices in the second impaired profitability, the company said. However, grain prices have fallen significantly since the year-end.

Turkey meat sales showed marginal growth last year, but red meat sales were depressed in the face of severe price competition from commodity meats, particularly pork.

During the first months of this year, a more aggressive marketing strategy has resulted in record sales of added value turkey products. The company intends to extend the strategy to its red meat products, where sales have continued to be disappointing.

It is also considering withdrawing from pet food and other lines where it is difficult to add value. The total dividend was unchanged at 1.75p.

Young talks fail to avert EEC inquiry into Rover merger

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The European Commission is to press ahead with an investigation into the proposed British Aerospace-Rover Group merger, despite a personal mission to Brussels yesterday by Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The Commission could block the deal if it judges that the Government's proposal for writing off Rover's debts and accumulated losses amounts to an illegal state subsidy which distorts competition.

If the deal went ahead in the face of Commission objections, Britain would be taken to the European Court, officials said.

Lord Young insisted after an hour-long meeting with Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Commissioner for Competition Policy, that he had "no reason to be anything other than confident" that the merger would succeed. But he declined to put a figure on Rover's debts and losses, estimated by industry sources to be between £2 billion and £3 billion.

Officials said Lord Young had explained to Mr Sutherland that the Government aimed to privatize the Rover Group and remove government involvement from the vehicle industry in Britain altogether.

In reply Mr Sutherland said the Commission's responsibility was to ensure that free competition prevailed in the EEC, and it would therefore open investigating procedures into the merger.

Lord Young said the Government had already provided information to Brussels, and he had expanded on this. But some data would only emerge from the negotiations between Rover and British Aerospace. There would clearly be "some restructuring of the balance sheet at Rover", Lord Young added.

British officials said Lord Young had urged the Commission to act swiftly in its investigation in view of the deadline for the Rover-BAe talks at the end of next month.

Pound goes above DM3.10

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The pound rose strongly, to above DM3.10, yesterday, without significant action by the Bank of England to hold it down. Sterling climbed above DM3.11 at one stage, before closing at DM3.1055.

There were unconfirmed reports of Bank intervention to slow the pound's rise, but many dealers were sceptical about this.

The official policy on the exchange rate now appears to be to "keep the markets guessing," and not to allow specific ceilings or floors to be determined by the authorities.

The pound's rise — it also gained 55 points against the dollar, to $1.8365 — produced a softening of money market rates. Discount houses were reluctant to part with paper at the Bank's existing dealing rates.

But action to push base rates down is not expected, unless sterling rises further and until after tomorrow's trade figures for February, which are expected to show a narrowing of the current account deficit from the £900 million recorded in January.

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BAT beats forecasts

By Alison Eadie

BAT Industries, the tobacco, paper, retail and financial services group, beat market expectations by making pretax profits of £1.39 billion in 1987, an increase of just £1 million.

Turnover fell 10 per cent to £17.20 billion, but at constant exchange rates continuing businesses showed growth of 5 per cent.

A 34 per cent rise in investment income to £201 million, largely because of high interest rates in Brazil, and a 15 per cent drop in interest paid, due to strong cash flow and asset disposals, wiped out the 6 per cent fall in operating profit.

Tobacco's operating profits fell 5 per cent to £722 million, but were 9 per cent higher excluding currency changes. The final quarter incurred heavy marketing expenses for Capri and Kool brands in the US and promotion in Japan, where BAT now has a 27 per cent share of imports.

Argos in Britain was the star performer for retailing, with trading profit 33 per cent higher at £47 million.

In the US, the downturn in consumer confidence dented the fourth quarter. Saks Fifth Avenue raised turnover in the year by 5 per cent, but made lower profits because of margin pressure.

Financial services contributed £265 million trading profit against £282 million, with Eagle Star's strong premium growth and improved underwriting results offset by the effect of the stock market crash on investments and a £16 million loss, after reinsurance, from the hurricane.

Eagle Star made profits of £146 million against £201 million, but Allied Dunbar, Britain's largest unit linked life assurance and unit trust group, raised profits to £71 million from £62 million.

The paper division was hurt by higher pulp prices and trading profits fell to £209 million from £217 million.

BAT raised its total dividend by 18 per cent to 16.9p.

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More North Sea oil areas on offer

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, is expected to unveil today the latest details of the new areas of the North Sea which are to be opened for oil exploration.

Companies will be given details of the acreage which will be put on offer under the Government's 11th round of offshore licensing and which the Government hopes will lead to a renewed flood of interest in exploring in the area.

At present, drilling rig rates have been depressed because of the slump in the world oil price and many companies have been waiting for new acreage to come on to the market so that exploration can take place.

The recent spate of takeover interest in North Sea independents has been prompted by a drying up of the acreage available for future drilling and the new round is likely to be oversubscribed.

Mr Peter Morrison, the Energy Minister responsible for oil, has been working behind the scenes to accelerate the pace of North Sea developments and to create job opportunities in the offshore construction yards.

He and Mr Parkinson will give details of the new licences available in the Commons today.

● Oil prices rose yesterday in the wake of an announcement by Opec that it is, after all, to call an emergency meeting of its key monitoring committee to review output quotas.

North Sea oil prices moved up by 35 cents to $15.40 a barrel immediately.

Woolworth £147m with a warning

By Colin Campbell

Woolworth Holdings, the retail chain embracing Comet, Superdrug, B&Q and the traditional Woolworths outlets, yesterday gave a warning of tougher conditions ahead in the retail sector which would separate winners and losers.

But Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, the chief executive, under whose direction group profits have in five years risen 24 times, yesterday forecast that Woolworth Holdings would be "among the winners."

The group ended its 1987-88 financial year with pretax profits up from £115.3 million to £147.2 million on a turnover that rose by 18.8 per cent to £2.17 billion.

Woolworth, whose name was strongly woven into the 1987 bid battle for Storehouse, yesterday admitted that it had been a "modest" holder of Storehouse shares last year, but these have now been sold

Mr Mulcahy, said Woolworth Holdings now operates out of trading space of 8.2 million sq ft — equivalent to Marks and Spencer — and that all divisions had advanced.

The pretax result includes £6.4 million (£6.2 million) of property realization profits, and in addition there was a £29.8 million exceptional item associated with property sales.

The final dividend is being raised from 5.5p to 6p a share, making 9p (8p) for the year. But the shares fell by 9p to 285p.

At the operating level, B&Q contributed £60.2 million, Comet £20.1 million, Superdrug £13 million for a nine months period, and Woolworths £45.1 million.

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British management style under attack

WPP set to sue US defectors

By Rosemary Unsworth

WPP, the British marketing services group, yesterday attempted to stop the haemorrhage caused by the departure of 15 senior executives from its US subsidiary to form a new agency by taking legal action against some of them.

The action follows the resignations of 10 managers from Lord, Geller, Federico, Einstein on Tuesday after six leading executives decided at the end of last week to form the new agency, Lord, Einstein, O'Neill and Partners. This is to be backed by Young & Rubicam, the advertising agency, with a minority 40 per cent stake.

WPP, which is run by Mr Martin Sorrell, who was formerly with Saatchi and Saatchi, hit back yesterday by announcing that it was taking action in the New York Supreme Court against the group and the newly-formed agency.

The complaint against the former employees is that they have breached their fiduciary duty as directors, officers and employees to take away the business of Lord, Geller, Federico, Einstein.

WPP, which acquired Lord, Geller last year during its $556 million (£302.50 million) acquisition of JWT, the US advertising group, said in a statement:

"There is evidence that over an extended period prior to their resignation, the former management committee of LGFE Inc initiated a concerted and pre-meditated conspiracy to sabotage the business of LGFE.

"The conduct that the defendents have followed appears to pursue a very closely co-ordinated plan among the six of them, together with legal counsel and Young & Rubicam, to damage the business intentionally in order to force WPP to sell LGFE to the management group and their co-conspirators at favourable pricing."

The legal move, which was described by one London analyst as "shutting the stable door after the horse had bolted" may be seen as a technique to try and deter any more clients joining the new agency. It is believed that one client, New York's WNBC-TV, will announce this week that it will go with the departees and the prestigious *New Yorker* magazine has also decided to go to the new agency.

LGFE's main client, however, is IBM, the computers group, which represents about 45 per cent of the business which last year made $4 million on revenues of $30 million. Billings were about $200 million.

If IBM decides to leave, then Mr Sorrell's management of the US agency will certainly be called into question. He was already under attack by his American employees for his style as chief executive.

WPP shares fell 15p to 514p on the London stock market yesterday.

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BRITISH MIDLAND

Profits at NEI leap to £32m

By Alison Eadie

Northern Engineering Industries emerged from its restructuring with pretax profits in the year to the end of December 38 per cent higher at £32.2 million. Turnover fell to £804.6 million from £937.5 million. The total dividend was unchanged at 5.25p.

The absence of discontinued lossmakers flattered the profits figure by £5.1 million, and reduced turnover by £45.4 million. Lower turnover also reflected the final shipments on large power contracts placed in previous years.

Currency movements trimmed £8 million from turnover and £600,000 from profits. Attributable profits were £14.3 million, after a £400,000 extraordinary credit for property disposals, against a loss of £59.9 million, following £69.3 million of extraordinary rationalization costs.

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BAT rises above exchange rate problems

The pencilling-down two months ago of profit estimates for BAT Industries over fears of investment losses at Eagle Star turned out to be overdone. BAT managed to add £1 million to profits, despite a £31.6 million capital depreciation at Eagle Star which included realized gains of £68.4 million, and despite £192 million knocked off profits by adverse currency movements.

The 1 per cent drop in earnings per share to 52.8p has not dented company confidence, as evidenced by the generous 18 per cent rise in the dividend. The confidence is understandable after a cursory look at the balance sheet.

Net interest fell from £88 million to £1 million after a net cash inflow of £770 million. Taking cash balances into account, gearing nudged under 10 per cent for the first time since 1969, which was before the diversification away from tobacco started.

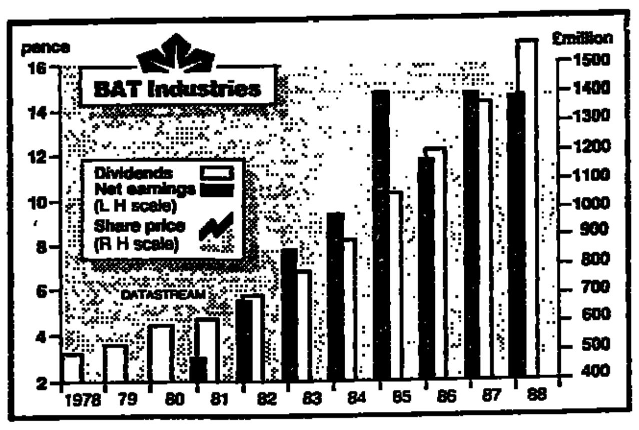
BAT is clearly in very strong financial shape and has no worries about its ability to field any questions the American insurance regulators throw at it regarding its $4.5 billion bid for Farmers. Even such a large acquisition would take gearing up to just short of 70 per cent and the powerful cash flow would bring it down again quite smartly.

The acquisition would also have the benefit of reducing BAT's dependence on tobacco to about 40 per cent of profits from 50 per cent. The strong tobacco content in BAT is still the main reason that the shares, up 9p at 464p yesterday, are at a discount to the market of about 35 per cent.

With BZW's profits estimate for the current year unchanged at £1.59 billion, the prospective p/e ratio is a mere 7.4.

BAT showed its customary reticence in talking about trading prospects, but it did say there had been some recovery in US consumer confidence, after the downturn in the final quarter last year, which should benefit the retail division.

Tobacco should continue to build on its successful push into Japan, although growth in sales is expected to slow. BAT lost tobacco market share in the US last year to 11 per cent from 11.7 per cent and is keen to try to recoup it.



In financial services Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar are looking towards Europe with 1992 in their sights. Italy and West Germany are seen as the main targets.

The prospective yield is 5.5 per cent and the shares look good value.

Woolworth

Woolworth Holdings, once the ugly duckling of the High Street, is turning more attractive by the year.

Even though the investment debate continues about how to regard property items in coming to an honest assessment of how the business performed, the group's property portfolio, valued at £800 million, equivalent to two-thirds of the market capitalization, is clearly something not to be ignored.

The group advertises a pretax profit outcome of £147.2 million compared with £115.3 million. Purists would subtract £6.4 million from the latest figures, and £6.2 million from the previous results, because of realization profits.

The comparative figures thus come to £140.8 million for the year ended January 30 against £135 million.

The ultra-conservative might additionally take out £5.2 million associated with bringing Superdrug under its wing and forming part of a netted off £29.8 million exceptional item.

However, focusing on the fundamental business, there can be no carp about how the individual divisons performed.

Woolworths saw operating profits 17 per cent higher on a 10 per cent reduction in space. Margins at B&Q rose from 8.8 per cent to 9.4 per cent, and actually rose by a higher percentage advance after adjusting for a £2.5 million non-recurring item.

Comet, despite a tough year within the electrical market, still gained market share, and Superdrug brought in £13 million for a nine-month period, and will be making a proportionally greater contribution this year.

The shares fell 7p to 287p as analysts pulled and tugged at the property items

But appreciation that Woolworth is well placed to meet competition, and that a further organic profits advance is in store (the range is currently wide between £170 million and £185 million, putting the shares on a multiple around 10.5), presents a buying opportunity which investors should seize.

Hepworth Ceramic

Sinclair Thomson won his spurs running TI's Glow-worm and Parkray heating operations. He is still running them, but these days they are part of Hepworth Ceramic, where Mr Thomson took over as chief executive in 1986.

It took him just a few months to prise them away from TI for £63.5 million last year, but already they are helping to transform Hepworth's profile and performance.

Their eight-month contribution to 1987 pretax profits of £60.23 million was £8.68 million, about half the 47 per cent overall profit increase.

Hepworth's achievement has, however, been threefold. Besides the progess made with the former TI businesses, it has unloaded its less profitable American operations and, thanks to better management and controls, squeezed a 10 per cent improvement out of its traditional claypipe operations.

Hepworth has some 85 per cent of the British claypipe market and leans heavily on it for cash flow, but it now represents only 40 per cent of turnover, against 60 per cent two years ago and will decrease further

Since Henderson is unlikely to more than wash its face this year, the group looks set for, say, £70 million for the full year, endowing the shares at 247p with a p/e multiple of a shade above 10.

Given the continuing metamorphosis from an ex-growth, high-volume business into more dynamic, higher added value pastures — how long will Ceramic remain in the title? — they cannot be said to be dear, particularly if uncertainty over a possible rights issue is removed.

STOCK MARKET

Equities dip on low turnover as gilts strengthen

Further gains by the pound against the mark and another disappointing start to trading on Wall Street provided the London stock market with another dull backdrop as investors stood rooted on the sidelines.

The equity market remained friendless and share prices were left up to their own devices for much of the day. The only break in the monotonous routine for dealers was another long list of trading results which provided some brief respite. But turnover was again low with just 365 million shares traded. By 4 pm, the FT-SE 100 index was down by 3.1 points at 1,823.3 while the narrower FT index of 30 shares lost 3.6 points at 1,459.6.

But the stronger pound was good news for gilts which scored gains of up to £½, hoping for another early cut in interest rates.

Blue Arrow, the world's biggest employment agency headed by Mr Tony Berry, lost an early lead to finish 2p easier at 121p. But that should not deter people such as Mr Andrew Holland, an analyst at County NatWest and the group's biggest fan. He has just published a 23-page review of the company, claiming there are still "huge benefits" to be unlocked from last year's acquisition of Manpower.

Full-year figures, announced recently, were overshadowed by the shock resignation of Mr Christopher Castleman after just a few months as chief executive. They showed pretax profits surging from £8.71 million to £29.08 million, helped by just one month's contribution from Manpower.

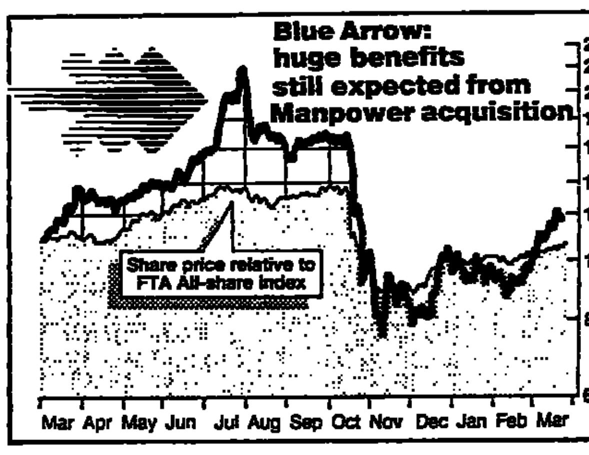
Mr Berry remains jubilant about the Manpower acquisition. He says: "It's turned out better than even our wildest dreams. Even the Brook Street Bureau deal fades by comparison."

With Manpower under its belt for a whole year, Mr Holland expects Blue Arrow's profits for the current year to stretch to £100 million with earnings a share rising from 8.7p to 11.3p. Estimates were as high as £125 million, but the weaker dollar has taken its toll on Blue Arrow the same as everyone else.

Mr Berry stresses that 60 per cent of the group's profits are still earned outside the US.

Even before the acquisition the Manpower management had put into play strategies that should ensure that the group maintains its leading position, improves margins and its market share.

This has already been reflected in the Blue Arrow share price which has consolidated its position above the 100p level. Dealers claim that there has been strong support for the shares from across the Atlantic ahead of next month's American Depository Receipts launch. Before the crash, they were trading at about the 172p level.



Mr Holland says that further short-term gains may be limited but he urges clients to buy the shares on the first signs of weakness. He rates Blue arrow as a good, longer term investment.

Securiguard Group, the London security, industrial cleaning and services group, advanced by 2p to 203p following the group's annual meeting. Mr Alan Baldwin, the chairman, told shareholders that substantial new business had been won. In January, the group reported an increase in pretax profits from £1 million to £1.5 million.

The chairman said: "Our capacity for organic growth continues unabated and we are looking forward to another exciting, expansive and high successful year."

Howden Group, which specializes in the design and manufacture of air, fluid and gas handling equipment, slipped by 1p to 125p. The word is that the group is about to be awarded a big contract from the Central Electricity Generating Board to build a wind-powered generating farm. The deal is expected to be worth £30 million and the CEGB says that the potential market in Britain for wind-powered generators is more than £1 billion.

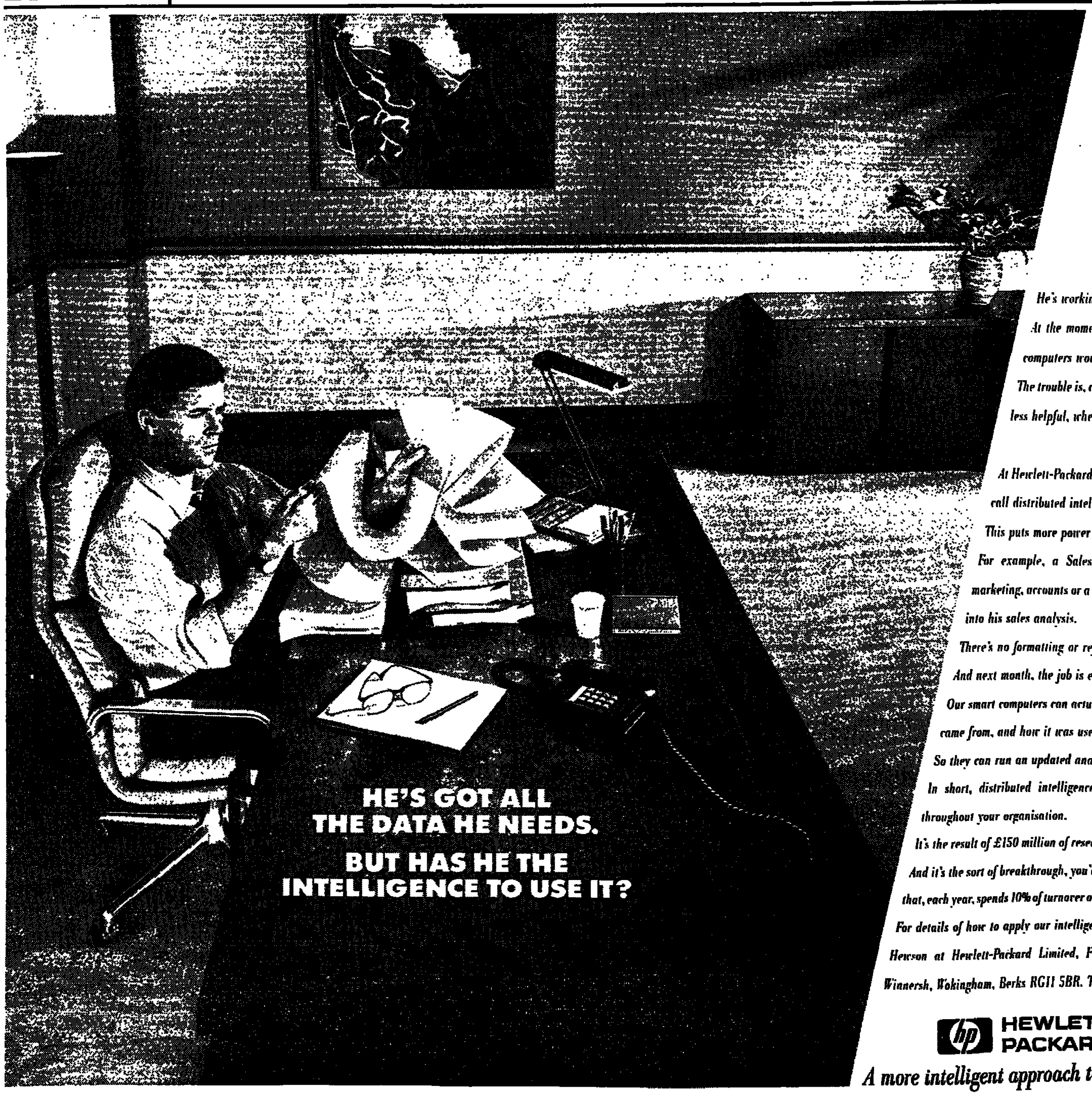
Evered Holdings, which has just appointed James Capel as its broker, moved against the trend with a rise of 7p to 128p. Dealers reported the appearance of several institutional buyers and claim that Evered is now regarded as a building products company. Recent bumper figures from rivals Rugby and Hepworth Ceramic could see the Evered shares re-rated shortly.

Matthew Hall, the engineering designer and contractor, also stood out with a rise of 8p to 148p — making a two-day lead of 15p — reviving bid talk. BICC was once thought to have given the company a look but decided against such a move. Now Matthew Hall is being linked to **Costain**, the construction group where Trafalgar House recently increased its holding to 6.8 per cent. Costain ended the day 5p lower at 330p.

Stakis, the hotel and casino operator, was another firm market, climbing 6p to 102p, on growing hopes of a bid.

Still waiting for news of a bid, **Ranks Hovis McDougall** advanced by 6p to 329p. Goodman Fielder, the Australian conglomerate, already owns almost 30 per cent of the shares and dealers are convinced that it will, at some stage, bid for the rest.

Michael Clark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Framlington 'searching for new owner or big investor'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The majority directors of the Framlington Group disclosed yesterday that they had been actively looking for a big new investor, or a new owner, since February at least.

Mr John Craven's Phoenix Securities had then been commissioned to find a new partner for Framlington, to replace CCF, the French bank, which had told Framlington it would eventually want to sell its 28 per cent shareholding.

The board, under Mr Bill Stuttaford, the chairman, and Mr Tim Miller, the managing director, said it could not recommend the £66 million bid made by Throgmorton Trust on Monday, but did not condemn it outright.

In a statement drawn up after Tuesday's board meeting, shareholders were urged to do nothing, while talks continue with the handful of serious suitors to have emerged from the Phoenix exercise. Mr Miller acknowledged that the only alternative to the Throgmorton bid would be a full bid from another party.

Framlington shares rose from 193p to 197p, with a block changing hands at 200p.

Mr Paul Loach, one of three directors of both Throgmorton and Framlington who did not participate, said he was delighted that the other directors had not rejected the offer outright.

But it emerged during the day that the two sides of the Framlington board had been deeply split for nearly a year, and that both sides see the possible rival bids as a means of resolving apparently irreconcilable differences over the way Framlington has been run and how it should develop.

The majority Framlington directors regard the Throgmorton bid as hostile, even though a Framlington subsidiary, bought from Throgmorton in 1986, manages the investment trust.

Mr Miller said there was "an enormous cultural gap" between the ways the Framlington and Throgmorton camps operate.

He said that Mr Stuttaford had built up Framlington by a highly decentralized approach, in which fund managers operated independently and were responsible for the performance of the trusts they managed. Throgmorton, on the other hand, favoured a more centralized approach, in which strategic decisions were taken by committee.

Mr Loach said that if decentralization meant Framlington was under-managed, he would agree.

Mr Miller said: "The Throgmorton chaps think their method is the only one to operate. But I do not think they have anything at all to add to Framlington as a unit trust management group."

He said Framlington operated on a principle of low charges and low management expenses.

But Mr Loach said it was hard to justify a principle of depriving shareholders of money that ought to be theirs by keeping charges below the industry average.

Cash call for £54m at Tootal

By Michael Tate

Tootal, the textiles group, is to raise £54 million via a rights issue to finance the second phase of its restructuring programme.

The cash-raising exercise will pay for the minority 49.9 per cent stake in Lantor International, the special materials group, and new acquisitions in the industrial threads and office supplies fields.

Mr Geoffrey Maddrell, the chief executive of Tootal, has extensively reorganized the company which now operates as a marketing-led textiles group around the world and sources an increasing amount of its materials in the Far East.

Profits for the year to end-January rose to 40.3 million against £30.2 million, on sales up from £408 million to £504 million. Earnings per share work out at 11.34p, against 10.41p, and the final 2.8p dividend lifts the total from 4.25p to 4.5p. The rights issue offers shareholders one new share for every four held at 98p each.

Tootal is buying the rest of Lantor, which manufactures anti-gas fabrics and special medical materials, from its partner West Point-Pepperell.

It is paying £16.7 million down and up to £4.4 million more over three years depending on profits. A second joint venture project has been negotiated in China.

Barratt hoists profits to £17m at half time

By Cliff Feltham

The backlash of bad publicity surrounding timesharing properties cost Barratt Developments, Britain's biggest housebuilder, £1.5 million in the first half of this year.

Sir Lawrie Barratt, the chairman, yesterday said pretax profits advanced from £12.5 million to £17.2 million — marred only by the timeshare worries. Barratt operates six timeshare centres in Britain and three in Spain.

"The timesharing industry suffered during the period from adverse media comment levelled mainly at fringe operators. As Europe's largest leisure property company, our subsidiary was inevitably affected and suffered a loss.

"Action is being taken within the industry to redress the situation. Within the company we are working to improve still further our product, which is already recognized to be of superior quality," he added.

Sir Lawrie: timeshare worry

Barratt hopes to break even on timeshare by the end of the year, having made £4 million out of the business last time.

Barratt's switch away from first-time buyers continued, with sales in this area down from a peak of 75 per cent to 30 per cent. The move was reflected in a sharp increase in the average price of a Barratt home — up from £40,000 to £50,800. At the top end, the company is building homes in fashionable parts of London for £450,000.

But a shortage of building land remains a problem. In the South-east the company is having to pay £750,000 an acre although it believes the house price spiral in the South is starting to ease off.

Overall, Sir Lawrie says the housebulding side made good progress although Scotland and parts of the North of England continue to be difficult.

Shareholders collect a half-time dividend of 2.79p a share, up from 2.54p. The shares fell 17p to 199p.

European growth 'slower'

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The economies of both Western and Eastern Europe have been through a stagnant phase, with short-term recovery prospects better in the East than in the West, according to a United Nations report published today.

The *Economic Survey of Europe 1987-88*, published by the UN's Economic Commission for Europe, in Geneva, says that growth behind the Iron Curtain slowed sharply last year.

The increase in net material product — the centrally planned equivalent of gross domestic product — in these economies slowed to 3.2 per cent last year, from 4.6 per cent in 1986. In the Soviet Union, growth slowed from 4.1 to 2.3 per cent.

Last year's slowdown was caused by weak export demand, smaller-than-expected efficiency gains and deteriorating terms of trade in Western markets.

However, an acceleration of growth rates in the Eastern bloc is expected this year, and the UN expects growth in the 3-to-4 per cent range,

In Western Europe, by contrast, the UN expects a further slowdown in activity this year, noting that growth in Britain far exceeded that of the other big European economies last year. Overall growth for Western Europe will be in the 1.5 to 2 per cent range, compared with 2.3 per cent last year.

● Japan's long-term capital outflows have passed their peak and overall international investment from Japan will decline, the *Amex Bank Review*, also published yesterday, says.

Barker & Dobson beats forecast

Barker & Dobson, the Budgens supermarket group, beat its forecast by £500,000 when it made pretax profits in the year to December 26 of £13.5 million against just £4.2 million in the previous year. The figure included £1.9 million of property profits.

B&D made its forecast during the unsuccessful £2 billion bid for Dee Corporation, the Gateway supermarkets group. The bid was charged as an extraordinary cost of £2.45 million.

The fruits of the Budgens acquisition are beginning to come through, the company said. The total dividend was 3.5p against 1p previously.

SAS-TNT deal

SAS, the Scandinavian airline, has sold its express parcels subsidiary, Air De Cologne, to TNT Ipec, the European express freight subsidiary of Australian-based TNT Limited for an undisclosed price.

Meggitt up 41%

Meggitt Holdings, the aerospace and instrumentation group, raised pretax profits by 41 per cent last year to £16.3 million. Earnings a share went up by 29 per cent to 9.33p. The total dividend is raised by 28.6 per cent to 2.25p. Sales at £167 million were lower, reflecting disposals.

Rentokil higher

Rentokil Group, the country's largest pest control contractor, reports a 20.2 per cent advance in pretax profits to £37.6 million for 1987 and is forecasting another good year ahead. Turnover rose from £166.9 million to £174 million. The final dividend is being raised from 1.775p to 2.075p a share, making 3.275p (2.8p).

25% stake bought

Peachey Property Corporation moved closer to victory in its £58 million bid for rival Estates Property Investment Company (Epic) yesterday when it bought a crucial 25 per cent holding to lift its stake to 33.1 per cent. But Epic was still holding out for a white knight and said later that it had reached an advanced stage of discussions with another company willing to offer more than the 260p a share bid from Peachey.

£6.6m purchase

Bruce's Brewery, which runs the chain of Firkin public houses in London, specializing in home-made brews such as Dogbolter and Froghopper, has been bought for £6.6 million by Midsummer Leisure, the public houses, snooker club and discotheque group.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Abbey takes primrose path to nowhere

The question that Abbey National and all the other building societies planning to follow Abbey down the primrose path to a stock market listing should ask themselves is: will flotation make us better at what we do? The answer, if they are honest, will be, at best, "maybe."

The building societies have lost out in their traditional business of lending money to buy houses. As the competition has mounted, from banks, from new specialist financial institutions such as the Mortgage Corporation, from insurance companies and even merchant banks, the societies have ceded market share from over 90 per cent to under 50 per cent.

Mortgages from other forms of lender have frequently been cheaper, quicker, more flexible and above all heavily marketed to a public which is obliged to commit an ever-increasing proportion of its income to a mortgage in order to be reasonably housed. While the building societies insist on "granting" mortgages, other forms of lender have been selling them.

The building societies have been accused of being financial dinosaurs, locked into a Socialist past rather than the capitalist present, and there are many former building society directors who will be spinning in their graves at the thought of the societies joining the stock market. But they are, under their current status, unable to raise funds as cheaply as their competitors from the hard-nosed banking business. From the beginning of this year, the societies were allowed to double the amount of funds they raise wholesale from the money markets from 20 per cent to 40 per cent, and they have been quick to take advantage of the new ceiling. Borrowers, hwoever, could be forgiven for noticing no difference.

Abbey National, the most hawkish of the building societies, makes it clear that competition is the spur to change. "Conversion gives us the freedom to compete on the same basis as our major competitors. It gives us more flexibility in our operations and greatly enhances our options for funding our development", said Sir Campbell Adamson, the chairman.

Faced with relative decline in the serious business of lending money for house purchase, the heavyweights in the movement have ploughed into personal loans and other financial services away from the mainstream of mortgage lending. The ever-relaxing regulations have recognised the urge and gone with it. The next logical step is probably conversion to public limited company.

But before the movement goes too far down the road, which leads to a need to produce an ever-rising trend of profits and earnings per share, it should stop and consider whether there is really any point in competing head-on with the banks. There might be other, "social" roles such as the provision of rented housing, which the societies may find more rewarding, and where there will be much less competition, if any.

Victory for pragmatism

The pound duly rose above DM3.10, the sky did not fall in, and the Chancellor did not resign. The simplistic view that the events of this month have just been a lot of huffing and puffing about shifting sterling's ceiling from DM3 to DM3.10 has proved unfounded.

Exchange rate policy has gone through a distinct shift, which parallels the changes in the use of monetary targets in the first half of the 1980s. Just as then it was found that tight and rigorously pursued targets for the monetary aggregates were more trouble than they were worth, so the same has happened for exchange rate management.

The key difference is that, while the present Chancellor was the arch-pragmatist in adopting a more flexible approach to monetary targets, this time he has had pragmatism forced upon him.

The new policy is to achieve broad stability for sterling, within a fairly wide range, to use "smoothing intervention" to counter any particularly sharp day-to-day movements in the exchange rate, but to use interest rates as the chief weapon for restraining sterling, as and when its rise is deemed to have gone far enough. The Bank may have indulged in a little smoothing yesterday, but some operators said there was no actual intervention, simply rumours of it.

The pound closed at DM3.1055 and $1.8365 yesterday. Money market rates softened fractionally but the markets will not be excited about the prospect of 8 per cent base rates until sterling is heading towards DM3.20 and the February trade figures, to be published tomorrow, are out of the way.

Britain's exchange rate policy is moving further away from the European Monetary System model. Ironically, a Bank of England discussion paper by Mark Taylor and Michael Artis, released this week, finds in favour of the EMS.

The paper, *What Has the European Monetary System Achieved?*, concludes that EMS member currencies enjoy reduced volatility, both of exchange rates and interest rates.

The paper looks forward to closer co-operation on monetary policy and interest rates between EMS members. Given the exchange rate debate of the past few weeks, and the new and determinedly flexible approach to sterling, Britain looks highly unlikely to be a full participant.

Schroders at £27m but dollar profits are hit

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Schroders, the merchant banking group, has reported 1987 after-tax profits up from £21 million to £27.1 millionafter undisclosed transfers to inner reserves.

The company is involved in the securities business, especially through its half-owned New York associate Wertheim Schroder

After the undisclosed transfers, group operating profits rose from £23.2 million to £27.6 million before interest on group loans, down from £3.1 million to £2.7 million, and capital profits of £2.2 million against £800,000 in 1986.

The final dividend has been maintained at 10.5p.

The rise in sterling has reduced dollar profits translated at end-1987 exchange rates by £2.8 million compared with the year before. Its shares were unchanged at 950p.

Pensions produce 7% return on UK equities

By Cliff Feltham

Despite the stock market crash, pension fund managers managed to produce a return of 7.1 per cent on their investment in British equities last year, according to a survey published yesterday.

The report, from WM Company, which measures the performance of 70 per cent of pension funds, worth £135 billion, says the view that equities are the preferred home for pension fund assets does not seem to have changed much as a result of the crash.

WM says that over the past 10 years British equities have been the best-performing sector, showing a return of 20 per cent, well ahead of overseas equities (14.9 per cent), British bonds (13.9 per cent), and property (12.4 per cent).

Overall, funds earned a return of 3.4 per cent on their total investments, which is in line with the rise in the retail price index.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Watching money go Natwest

As if National Westminster's shareholders had not suffered enough already . . . They have watched the value of their investment slide from almost £8 a share to under £5, following the stock market crash; stood by as the bank wrote off £759 million of Third World debt, and are now being forced to shell out a further £3.4 million more than they need — this time, horror of horrors, to the taxman. For Natwest seems determined to press ahead with its plans to pay its final dividend of 16p a share on April 5, just 24 hours before the Chancellor's new tax cuts come into play. One irate shareholder who telephoned the Action Bank to complain could find no one prepared to comment. Neither could I. That same shareholder now wants a campaign mounted, pointing out that next year, because shareholders will be allowed to opt for shares in lieu of cash, the dividend payment will be made in the following tax year. "So we'll only get one dividend — the interim — in the new tax year," he wailed. Come on, Lord Boardman, surely your bank should not throw away shareholders' money?

Paper profits

Anita Roddick, chairman of Body Shop, has never been a woman to do things by halves, and her efforts to conserve trees do not stop at using recycled paper for the company's annual report. All 160 staff at the company's offices in Littlehampton, Sussex, have two waste-paper bins under their desks — one white and one black. Into the black bin goes all the paper that can be recycled, while the white bin takes the rest. The average office worker apparently generates 60lb of recoverable paper each year, while the warehouse staff is also doing its bit for Project Paperchase by recycling cardboard boxes. The exercise is expected to show a profit of £2,000 in its first year.

Brute Fourth Estate

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but it is not necessarily mightier than the right hook. As a result of perhaps a little too much post-lunch bravado, two City journalists on the London newspaper the *Evening Standard* will, I hear, face one another in a boxing match next month. The bout, which will take place above a pub — appropriately called The Ring — close to the Elephant & Castle, on April 28, will be between Peter Oborne and Stephen Hargrave. There is already, I am told, more than £3,000 in side bets riding on the pair, with Oborne, ex-Rothschilds, the favourite. Plucky Hargrave, once a fund manager with Save & Prosper, has never boxed before, is, at 32, two years Oborne's senior, four inches shorter and with a lesser reach. He has, however, been training hard . . .

"I got caught between a shareholders' and an investors' meeting outside the Abbey National"

Show of force

When managers at Woolworth's B&Q subsidiary travel, they travel in numbers and in style. For their annual management conference 350 of them are off to Vienna tomorrow, to dine in celebration of this year's management theme of "aggression and competition." The group has hired the Hofburg Palace — where the Salt II Treaty was signed — for the weekend, and B&Q managing director Jim Hodkinson tells me he is even taking a small professional orchestra, to entertain the troops. Does the home town of the Strausses not have one of its own?

Gilded Lilly

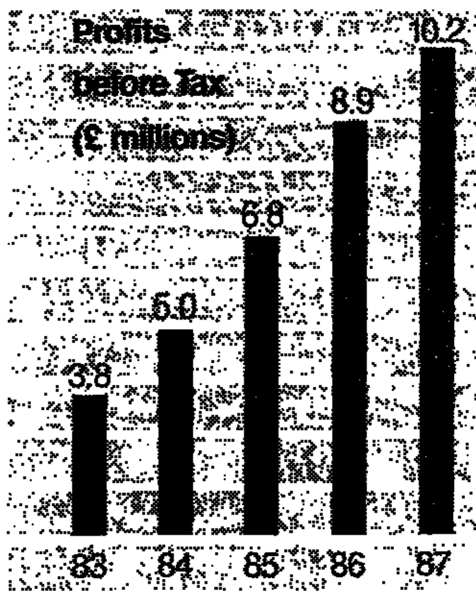
Shares in Eli Lilly, the big US pharmaceutical firm knocked badly by the cost of Opren compensation, have been rising sharply on Wall Street this week on talk of a wonder love potion. New York stock market analysts have been spreading the word that a new miracle drug, capable of curing impotence, was about to go on sale. But, as the stock soared by more than $2 the other day, the company attempted to dowse passions. Admitting that early tests were encouraging, it claimed that it was years away from producing the drug, code-named LY-163502. Louis Ehrenkrantz, of the Wall Street firm Ehrenkrantz and King, was unrepentant, however. "They are trying to keep it under wraps," he insisted, pointing to the 15 volunteer clinics, set up by the company, around the country. Leading psychiatrist Professor Brian Doyle, of Georgetown University, Washington, DC, warned however that the drug could have unpleasant side-effects. "Users can show poor judgment, such as investing too much money without thinking about it," he said.

● American Nancy Fitzroy, a former president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, was last night accepted as an honorary fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, its British equivalent. Fitzroy, only the second woman to be thus honoured, lives in New York state, near a town called Mechanicville . . .

Carol Leonard

Royal Trust Bank

A year of marked progress with profits up 15% in 1987



■ 45% increase in capital base to £107 million

■ 27% increase in total assets to £1.5 billion

■ 22% increase in deposits to over £1 billion

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Nigel Robson, Chairman of Royal Trust Bank, in his report for 1987.

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WALL STREET

	Mar 22	Mar 21		Mar 22	Mar 21		Mar 22	Mar 21
AMR Cp	44⅝	43⅞	Fedders	9⅜	9⅝	Pennzoil	77⅝	78
ASA	46⅝	46⅝	Firestone	78½	78¾	Pepsico	34⅜	34½
Aetna Life	45⅝	45⅜	Fst Chicago	25¼	24	Pfizer	54⅝	54⅝
Allied Signal	32⅜	32¼	Fst Int Bncp	44½	44⅝	Phelps Dod	42⅝	41
Allis Chlm	1¼	1⅜	Fst Penn C	10½	10⅝	Philip Mor	93	93
Alcoa	45	45⅜	FT Wachva	36⅜	35⅜	Philip Ptrl	17	17⅝
Amax Inc	19½	20	Ford Motor	43⅞	44	Polaroid	33⅝	32⅝
AMR Hess	30	29⅝	GAF Cp	55¼	55½	Primenca	31⅛	30⅝
Am Brands	45	45	GTE Cp	38⅜	38⅜	Proct Gble	81⅝	81½
Am Cynmd	50⅝	50½	Gen Cp	20⅝	20½	Pub S E G	23⅜	23⅝
Am Ele Pwr	28¼	28¼	Gn Dynam	58⅝	58⅝	R Nabisco	50⅝	51
Amexs	26	26¼	Gen Electric	43⅛	43⅜	Raytheon	69⅝	69⅝
Am Family	16⅝	16⅜	Gen Inst	33⅝	33⅝	Rynlds Metl	45	45
Am Home	81½	81½	Gen Mills	49⅝	49⅝	Rockwell Int	21⅝	20⅝
Am Int Grp	56⅜	58	Gen Motors	72⅝	72	Royal Dutch	119⅝	120⅝
Am Stand	76⅝	76⅜	Gen Pub Ut	31⅛	31⅛	SFE Sopac	17	16⅝
Am Telph	28⅝	28⅝	Genesco	4⅝	4⅜	Sara Lee	41⅜	41⅛
Amoco Cp	75⅝	75⅝	Georgia Pac	37½	37⅝	Schlumb	35	36⅜
Anheusr B	31⅝	31⅝	Gillette	39⅛	39⅝	Scott Paper	39	38½
Armco Steel	11⅝	11¾	Goodrich	51⅜	52⅝	Seagram	54⅛	54¼
Asarco Inc	24⅜	24⅝	Goodyear	63	63⅝	Sears Roeb	38⅜	38⅝
Ashland Oil	65	64¾	Gould Inc	12⅝	12⅜	Shell Trans	77½	78⅝
Atl Richfld	81⅞	81⅞	Grace Co	26⅜	26⅝	Singer	49⅜	49⅝
Avon Prod	22⅝	22⅜	Grt Atl Pac	36⅜	35⅜	Smith Beck	58⅝	58⅝
Bk Boston	24½	24½	Greyhnd	29⅝	29⅝	Sony Cp	41⅝	41½
Bank NY	29¼	29¼	Gruman	23⅝	25¼	Sth Cal Edi	31⅜	31⅝
Bankamer	10⅝	10⅝	Gulf & West	80⅜	80⅜	SW Bell	37⅜	37⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	33⅞	34	Heinz	44	44⅜	Squibb	67⅝	66⅜
Baxter	24¼	24⅝	Hercules	51	51⅝	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	22½	22¼	Hewlett Pk	63⅛	63⅜	Stevens JP	62⅝	63
Boeing	48½	48⅜	Honeywell	67⅝	66⅝	Sun Comp	58⅜	58½
Boise Casc	46⅝	48⅝	IC Ind	34⅝	35⅝	TRW Inc	51	52⅜
Borden	55⅜	54¾	ITT Cp	46⅜	47⅝	Teledyne	334⅝	337⅛
Brstl Meyr	44⅜	44⅜	INCO	24¾	24	Tenneco	43⅝	44⅜
BP	59⅝	60⅝	Ing Rand Wl	40½	40⅝	Texaco	45⅝	45⅝
Brunswick	21½	21⅜	Inland Steel	33⅛	32⅞	Tex Eastn	29⅝	29⅝
Burl Nth	71⅜	70⅝	IBM	113⅝	113¾	Texas Inst	51⅜	52⅝
CBS	162¾	163⅝	Int Paper	44⅜	44⅝	Tex Util	27⅝	27½
CMS Engy	17⅝	17⅝	Irving Bk	57⅝	57⅝	Textron	24	23⅛
CPC Int	49½	48⅝	Jhsn & Jhsn	85	85	Travelers	36½	36⅝
CSX Cp	31⅝	29⅝	K Mart	36⅜	36⅝	USG	38⅜	34⅝
Camp Soup	29⅝	29⅝	Kausertech	11⅝	11⅜	USX Cp	31⅜	31⅛
Can Pacific	19⅜	19⅝	Kerr McGee	37⅜	37⅝	Unilever Plc	36⅜	36⅝
Caterpillar	65	65½	Kmbrly Clrk	57⅝	58⅝	Un Carbide	24⅝	24⅜
Centrl SW	31⅜	31½	Kraft	55	55⅝	Un Pac Cp	65¼	64½
Champion	35⅝	35¼	Kroger	35⅜	35	Unisys Cp	33⅝	34
Chase Man	25⅞	25⅝	LTV Cp	3⅛	3⅛	Utd Brands	49½	49⅝
Chem NY	23⅜	23⅝	Litton	83⅜	84⅝	Us West	53	52⅝
Chevron	46⅜	46⅝	Lockheed	44⅜	43¼	Utd Tech	41⅝	41⅜
Chrysler	24⅜	24	Lucky Str	46½	32¼	Unocal	37⅝	38
Citicorp	19⅜	19⅝	Man H'nver	27⅜	27¼	Warn Lamb	76	75⅝
Clark Eq	26⅜	27	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Wells Far	54	53⅜
Coca Cola	39½	39⅝	Mapco	52⅛	52⅝	Westg El	51⅛	51
Colgate	43⅝	43⅜	Marriott	32⅝	32⅞	Weyerhsr	42¼	42⅝
Columb Gas	28⅝	28⅜	Mt Marietta	47⅛	47⅜	Whirlpool	27¾	27⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	35	35½	Masco	28½	27⅞	Woolworth	48	47
Cmwlth Edi	28⅜	28½	Mcdonalds	45⅞	44⅜	Xerox Cp	56⅝	56⅝
Cons Edis	44⅜	44⅝	McDonnell	63⅝	63⅝	Zenith	17½	17⅝
Consol Ng	37½	37⅝	Mead Cp	39⅜	39			
Cont Data	28½	28½	Merck	160⅝	158¼	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	54⅝	55⅝	Mnsta Mng	62⅝	63			
Crane	31⅝	31⅝	Mobil	45⅜	45⅝	Agnco Eag	19½	19⅜
Curtiss W	52½	52¾	Monsanto	84	82⅜	Alcan Alum	38	36
Data Genl	23⅞	24¼	Montedison	11⅝	11¼	Algoma Stl	19.00	19⅜
Deere Co	45⅝	45⅝	Morgan Jp	33⅝	33⅜	Can Pacific	24⅜	24
Delta Airl	51⅝	50	Motorola	47⅝	47⅞	Cominco	17⅝	17⅝
Detroit Edi	13⅜	13⅝	NCR	61	61¼	Con Bathrst	17⅛	17⅝
Digital Eq	112¾	111⅝	NL Indstrs	7⅝	7⅜	Hawk S Can	22	22
Disney	62⅝	63	Nat Md Ent	22⅝	22¾	Hud Bay M	21	21
Dow Chem	86⅝	87⅝	Nat Semi	12⅜	12½	Imasco	29	29
Dressr Ind	33	33⅜	Norfolk Sth	29½	29⅜	Imperial Oil	57⅜	57⅝
Dupont	86⅝	87½	NW Bancrp	42⅝	42⅝	Int Pipe	45⅝	45⅛
Duke Pwr	44½	45	Occid Petl	28⅝	28½	Royl Trstco	16⅜	16⅜
East Kodak	41⅝	41½	Ogden Cp	30⅝	30⅝	Seagram	67⅝	67⅝
Eaton Cp	79¼	79⅝	Olin Cp	57¾	57	Shelco 'A'	40½	24⅜
Emerson El	32⅝	33⅜	PPG Ind	40½	39⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	27⅜	27⅞
Emery Air	6⅝	6⅝	Pac Gas El	16¼	16½	Vanty Cp	3.55	3.55
Exxon	43½	44⅝	Pan Am	3	3	WCT	17⅛	17⅝
Farah Inc	10	10¼	Penney JC	48⅜	47⅜	Weston	33⅝	33⅝

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 14	March 25	June 16	June 27

Call options were taken out on: 23/3/88 C Wilson Hldgs., Ferranti, North Kalgurli Mines, BP p/p, Polymark, Astra Hldgs., Brunswick, J Crowther, Dewey Warren Hldgs., Pentland, London Investment Trust, Owners Abroad.
Put & Calls: Irish Distillers, SI Group.

Firms must face up to 1992 challenge or fail, says CBI

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Some British companies are demonstrating through restructuring and cross-border deals, for instance, how to prepare effectively for the single European market due in 1992, according to an analysis by the Confederation of British Industry.

But the CBI gives warning that the single market could result in some British companies being driven out of business.

The single market was one of the greatest threats British companies had ever faced as well as one of the greatest opportunities, said Mr John Owens, the deputy director-general of the CBI.

"European firms are wide awake and ready to expand their sales in the United Kingdom. British firms must ensure they are ready to meet this competition and expand their sales in Europe. If they do not prepare now to meet this challenge they risk being forced out of business."

A CBI analysis has shown how some companies are well prepared and squaring up to the 1992 challenge.

In the process plant sector, APV is reorganizing so that various market segments' needs are met by its subsidiaries in countries where most supplies for the particular sector are available.

It means brewing machinery will be dealt with by the APV subsidiary in West Germany while yoghurt-making equipment will be concentrated in France and ice-cream plant in the United States.

Brown and Root, facing the threat of European engineering companies seizing some of its British business, is forming alliances with engineering companies in the EEC to secure reciprocal trade.

Authors are being offered copyright deals covering all the EEC by Macmillan, the British publisher, giving protection from dumped imports from other EEC countries.

The CBI mentions examples of cost reductions because of a single market. Philips Electronics expects a single standard for television sets to

And Fisons expects to save more than £10 million on each new drug due to the emergence of a single EEC centre for registering and securing approval for new products.

Mr Owens said: "We are going to become real Europeans whether we like it or not. We are well behind the French and the Germans in our preparations. Let us accept the change and make the most of the enormous market and this huge opportunity."

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Cut by Britannic

By Maria Scott

Britannic Assurance yesterday announced slightly reduced end-of-year payouts on new endowment policies.

The bonus falls from 5.5 per cent to 5 per cent. Bonuses on older policies have increased to a maxiumum of 13.5 per cent against 11 per cent.

Mr Brian Shaw, the general manager and actuary for Britannic said the adjustment reflected lower interest rates on new investments.

Last October's hurricane brought £1.4 million of claims for Britannic but much of this was offset by reinsurance and the real cost was £300,000.

Britannic announced a surplus for the year of £10.3 million, an increase of nearly 20 per cent. There is a final dividend on preference shares of 27.5p up from 24.5p, making 42p for the year, an 18 per cent increase. There is to be a two for one scrip issue.

De Savary group sales

Mr Peter de Savary's LandLeisure group is unwinding its connection with Sir James Goldsmith's business empire. It is selling its hotel and casino operation in Darwin, Australia, and its minority stake in Oriental & American Investments, a forestry business, to Goldsmith associates for about £6.8 million. The 1.47 million LandLeisure shares held by Sir James's Cayman Island company, Ultrabridge Securities, have been placed with institutions.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	760	Coats	3,354	Laporte	457	Royal Ins	554
Abbey	645	CU	435	L&G	976	Saatchi	222
Alld-Lyons	1,910	Cons Gold	607	Lloyds	1,344	Sainsbury	1,304
Amstrad	386	Cookson	121	Lonrho	2,446	Scot & N	890
ASDA	1,603	Courtaulds	1,092	Lucas	103	Sears	3,527
AB Foods	155	Dalgety	763	Magnet	149	Sedgwick	693
Argyll	1,079	Dee	2,816	M&S	6,109	Shell	455
BAA	3,113	Dixons	420	Maxwell Cm	1,303	Smith & N	[illegible]
BET	1,970	ECC	353	MEPC	294	Smith WH	363
BTR	1,109	Enterprise	950	Metal Box	1,106	STC	73
BAT	4,257	Ferranti	9,143	Midland	540	Stan Chart	134
Barclays	1,597	Fisons	491	NatWest	1,992	Storehse	840
Bass	977	Gen Acc	752	Next	1,461	Sun Allnce	142
Beecham	1,478	GEC	8,147	Nth Food	607	T & N	372
Beazer	467	Glaxo	760	P&O	2,628	Tarmac	1,299
BICC	71	Globe	98	Pearl	759	Tate & Lyle	297
Blue Arrow	4,270	Granada	1,309	Pearson	62	TSB	2,095
Blue Circle	397	Grand Met	1,161	Pilkington	2,957	Tesco	1,924
BOC	580	GUS 'A'	41	Plessey	5,310	Thorn EMI	594
Boots	1,165	GRE	15	Prudential	1,341	Trafalgar	1,374
BPB	199	GKN	846	Racal	1,241	THF	2,316
Br Aero	1,071	Guinness	750	Rk Hovis	185	Ultramar	807
Br Airways	4,064	Hamm 'A'	929	Rank	734	Unigate	260
Br Comm	370	Hanson	2,997	R&C	21	Unilever	[illegible]
Br Gas	11,144	Hawker	269	Redland	542	United Bis	1,148
Br Petrol	7,143	Hillsdown	1,046	Reed	253	Utd News	255
Br Telecm	3,175	IMI	880	Reuters	342	Wellcome	1,412
Britoil	34	ICI	588	RMC Gp	299	Whitbrd	645
Bunzl	1,082	Inchcape	89	RTZ	959	Williams	265
Burmah	540	Jaguar	834	R-Royce	853	Willis Fab	613
Burton	1,646	Lasmo	422	Rothmn 'B'	158	Wimpey G	583
C&W	1,603	Ladbroke	1,474	Rowntree	524	Woolworth	595
Cadbury	256	Land Sec	448	Royal Bank	427	Equities page 33	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*330)	330	52	65	65	3	9	9
	360	25	37	45	7	18	22
	390	9	20	25	20	33	38
Bass (*[illegible])	460	120	135	155	3	8	13
	500	75	97	120	7	18	27
	550	35	57	67	20	37	47
Brit Air (*[illegible])	140	37	38	42	1	4	9
	160	19	21	27	3	9	15
	180	5	10	18	10	18	22
Brit Com (*[illegible])	280	33	40	50	2	10	15
	300	16	30	37	10	20	22
	330	5	[illegible]	25	30	37	40
Brit Gas (*140)	130	11	17	19	1½	4½	7½
	140	5	10½	13½	5	10	13
	160	1	4½	7	22	22	24
BP (*272)	240	34	43	50	1½	5	8½
	260	19	29	35	4	10	15
	280	5½	17	24	12½	20	26
Britoil (*515)	420	102	-	-	1	2	2
	460	60	62	70	2	3	6
	500	21	30	40	2½	10	20
Cons Gold (*928)	850	100	160	180	17	42	68
	900	75	135	150	34	70	95
	950	45	110	120	83	100	120
Courtauld (*326)	300	32	45	52	5	14	15
	330	11	26	33	12	28	35
	360	3	14	22	37	52	55
	390	1½	7	-	67	75	-
Com Union (*[illegible])	300	40	53	60	2	8	13
	330	18	33	38	9	18	25
	360	7	18	23	28	32	37
C & W (*[illegible])	330	20	35	45	8	20	28
	360	6	22	32	27	40	45
	390	2	10	22	53	60	68
GEC (*[illegible])	140	14	20	23	2½	5	9
	160	2	8½	12	12	15	20
	180	1	3	7	31	32	34
GKN (*315)	280	42	51	58	3	7	13
	300	25	38	44	6	12	19
	330	6	20	28	18	23	31
	360	1½	11	-	44	47	-
Grand Met (*495)	420	75	92	98	1	7	11
	460	43	62	72	6	18	23
	500	16	38	48	20	32	38
	550	4	15	27	60	65	67
ICI (*1042)	950	103	138	-	5	20	-
	1000	60	105	120	15	35	52
	1050	32	75	-	38	55	-
	1100	13	50	72	70	87	102
Jaguar (*291)	280	19	35	-	9	17	-
	300	8½	24	33	18	30	38
	330	2½	13	22	43	50	58
Land Sec (*535)	460	82	87	100	3	8	15
	500	47	58	75	5	18	28
	550	14	28	47	23	42	50
M & S (*181)	160	22	25	30	1	5	7
	180	6	13	19	5	13	16
	200	1½	6	12	21	25	29
R-Royce (*125)	120	9	14	18	5	10	13
	130	3	8	14	12	15	17
	140	1½	5½	10	22	22	25
STC (*247)	220	29	39	44	2	7	11
	240	15	26	32	7	14	19
	260	5	15	22	19	24	30
Sainsbury (*228)	220	21	26	32	1½	6	8
	240	7	14	20	9	15	16
	260	1½	6½	11	24	28	30
Shell (*[illegible])	1000	60	120	135	7	25	35
	1050	42	52	-	23	42	-
	1100	15½	50	80	50	67	82
Storehse (*[illegible])	220	25	35	40	3	13	17
	240	12	20	32	10	20	27
	260	4	13	22	22	33	38
	280	2	8	-	43	47	-
Trafalgar (*[illegible])	300	40	47	60	3	9	15
	330	18	28	38	10	20	28
	360	5	14	27	30	40	50
TSB (*111)	100	13	16	19	1½	2½	5
	110	5	10	13	3½	7	9
	120	2	6	9	12	13	14
Woolworth (*[illegible])	240	32	40	45	1	12	17
	260	17	27	33	8	20	25
	300	7	18	25	20	32	37
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Amstrad (*168)	140	33	41	-	4	7	-
	160	22	28	31	9	14	18
	180	10	15	20	22	24	27
Barclays (*488)	460	50	60	70	12	22	27
	500	25	37	45	32	42	45
	550	8	17	-	67	75	-
Beecham (*468)	420	58	67	-	7	15	-
	460	33	43	53	20	29	37
	500	17	27	35	42	55	59
	550	5	-	-	83	-	-
Boots (*225)	220	18	24	30	12	19	23
	240	9	16	20	27	30	35
	260	4	10	-	44	46	-
BTR (*265)	240	29	37	40	7½	12½	15
	260	15	25	30	15½	22	23
	280	7	16	21	30	35	35
Blue Circ (*460)	420	52	68	82	15	25	28
	460	25	43	55	35	47	50
	500	12	25	35	62	70	75
Dixons (*185)	180	18	24	28	10	15	19
	200	8	14	18	21	25	27
	220	4	9	-	38	40	-

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo (*1049)	950	125	160	-	15	35	-
	1000	90	125	147	35	53	85
	1050	60	100	-	55	75	-
	1100	40	75	95	85	100	110
Hanson (*136)	120	20	23	-	1½	4	-
	130	12½	17	21	4	8	9½
	140	7	12	15	8½	13	15
	160	2	5½	8½	24	26	27
Hawker (*488)	460	43	62	68	23	30	36
	500	22	42	48	43	53	57
	550	11	23	30	82	87	93
Lonrho (*257)	220	44	48	-	4½	8	-
	240	28	34	40	7	11	14
	260	15	23	28	15	20	28
	280	9	14	-	27	33	-
Midland (*416)	360	67	75	-	6	10	-
	390	46	55	65	12	18	25
	420	25	37	47	25	35	40
Sears (*138)	120	21	28	-	2	5	-
	130	14	19	23	5	9	12
	140	7½	12	17	10	14	17
Tesco (*162)	140	28	33	-	3	5	-
	160	14	19	23	10	13	14
	180	7	11	15	22	28	28
Thorn EMI (*619)	500	130	140	-	4	10	-
	550	85	100	112	8	20	27
	600	50	65	75	20	37	47
	650	22	35	50	50	62	72
THF (*245)	220	33	37	45	5	9	11
	240	17	25	30	10	16	20
	260	8	14	18	25	30	33
Unilever (*482)	460	50	66	80	13	22	29
	500	23	45	57	33	40	47
	550	10	25	-	65	72	-
Wellcome (*463)	420	63	83	-	14	24	-
	460	40	62	75	30	43	50
	500	23	42	57	55	65	72
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAA (*121)	100	25	30	38	2½	7	11
	110	17	22	31	4½	11	14
	120	9½	17	25	8	16	19
Brit Aero (*375)	300	78	78	-	3	8	-
	330	50	55	63	7	18	22
	360	24	38	45	20	27	37
	390	11	24	33	37	45	53
BAT Ind (*464)	390	77	82	-	3	7	-
	420	48	62	68	8	17	29
	460	19	36	47	24	35	43
	500	7	-	-	55	-	-
Brit Tele (*255)	220	38	44	50	1	4½	6
	240	20	28	35	3½	11	12
	260	8	17	21	12	20	22
Cadbury (*265)	240	30	38	48	5	9	15
	260	17	26	34	10	16	25
	280	8	17	26	22	28	35
Guinness (*315)	260	58	-	85	2	-	8
	280	38	-	50	4	-	17
	300	23	-	37	12	-	26
Ladbroke (*416)	300	123	120	-	1	2	-
	330	90	92	97	2	4	6
	360	60	62	72	3	8	12
LASMO (*332)	280	57	67	77	5	12	17
	300	38	50	62	14	16	25
	330	20	33	45	28	33	37
Pilkington (*219)	200	25	33	43	4	12	17
	220	15	22	30	12	22	28
	240	7	12	20	28	37	42
	260	3	7	-	45	52	-
Plessey (*162)	140	26	31	36	2½	8	9
	160	12	17	25	10	16	18
	180	4½	9	15	22	27	30
P & O (*614)	500	117	120	127	3	8	12
	550	69	80	95	8	17	26
	600	28	50	60	25	35	42
Prudential (*860)	800	65	85	95	18	35	45
	850	28	57	65	48	56	65
	900	10	30	45	80	85	95
Racal (*222)	200	28	34	41	4	10	12
	220	14	22	29	11	19	22
	240	6	13	20	24	30	33
RTZ (*373)	300	85	95	-	5	10	-
	330	60	70	80	7	16	22
	360	33	47	57	18	28	35
	380	22	-	-	30	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*$94)	90	14	20	24	5	11	14
	100	8½	15	17	12	17	22
	110	5	10		20	25	
Tr 12% 1995 (*114)	110	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	11/32	[illegible]	1 7/16
	112	2	2 5/16	2 7/16	23/32	1⅜	2 3/16
	114	1	1 7/16	1⅝	1⅝	2⅜	3⅜
	116	⅜	⅝	⅞	3 3/16	4	4½
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*120)	114	6 5/16	-	-	1/32	-	-
	116	4 5/16	-	-	⅜	-	-
	118	3	-	-	1 3/16	-	-
	120	1⅜	-	-	2	-	-
	122	1 13/32	-	-	3⅜	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1830)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1600	238	243	—	—	½	5	—	—
1650	188	195	207	220	1	9	18	25
1700	138	152	165	180	1½	15	27	35
1750	88	108	127	147	2½	26	40	50
1800	40	72	95	115	9	38	57	67
1850	12	42	65	85	33	60	78	88
1900	3	25	45	68	75	92	105	118

March 23, 1988 Total: 21698 Calls 13524 Puts 8174 FT-SE: Calls 889 Puts 1467
*Underlying security price.

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Berry Star	166
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Copymore (130p)	131 –2
Eurotunnel	330
Eurotunnel Wrnts	23½
GWR Gp	345
Hatfield Est (100p)	128
Hughes (HT)	80
ISA Intl (80p)	121 +1
Inshops (52p)	70
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	159
Nestor-BNA (75p)	96
Norfolk House (100p)	108 +1
Psion	123 –2
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	76 +2
Shaftsbury (180p)	153
Shanks McEwan (650p)	825 –5
Shorco	122 +6
TGI (130p)	130 –1
TIP Europe	148
Titon Hldgs (80p)	84 +2
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	61 –2
UK Paper (135p)	150 +3
Vosper Thorny (160p)	180 –1

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Hartons N/P	31
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Leisure N/P	7
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Oakwood N/P	365 +25
Shandwick N/P	60
Sumrie N/P	10

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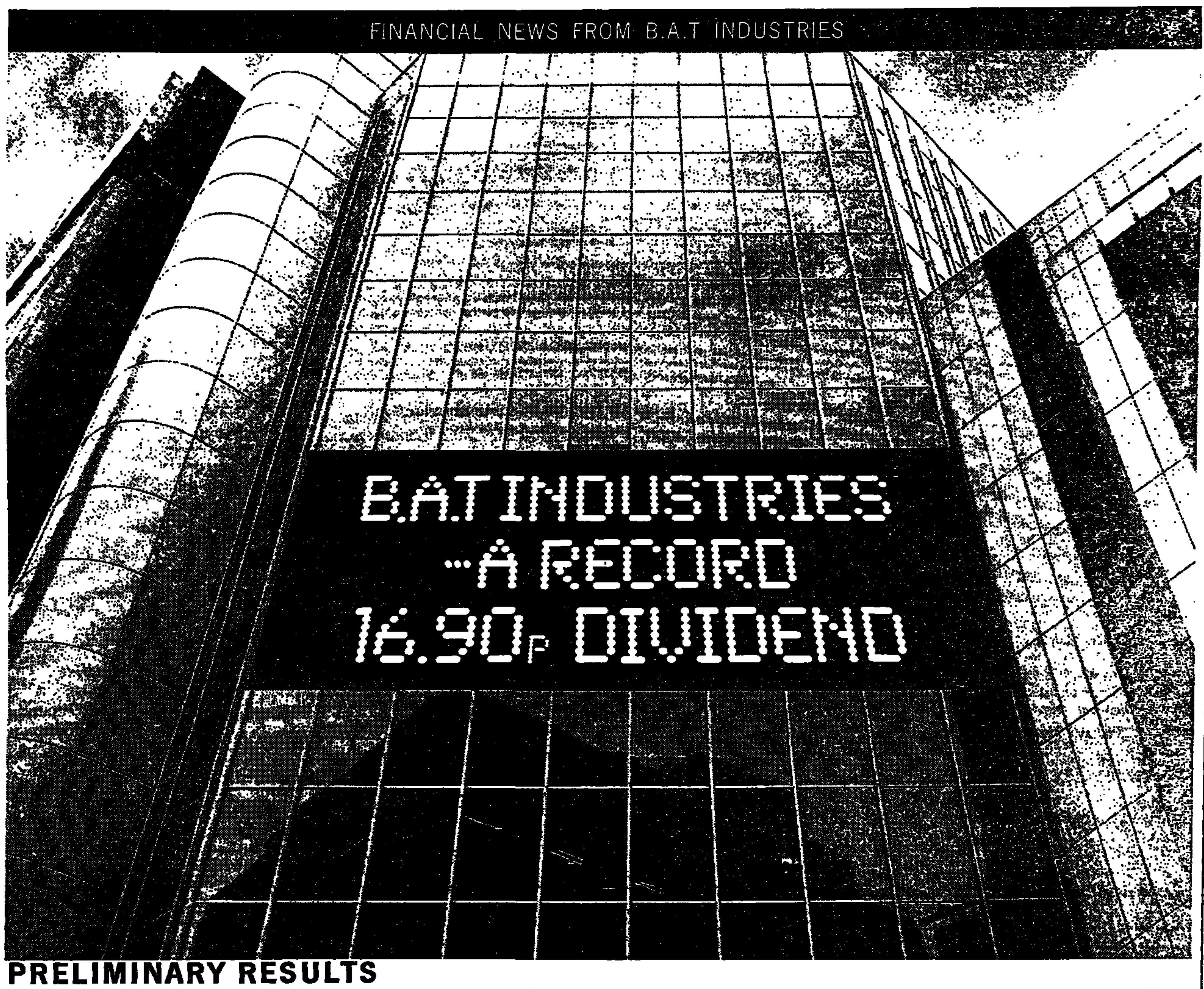

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ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS

In yesterday's edition, The Times printed a Special Report on "Northern Cyprus" — in other words, on the area of Cyprus which is at present occupied by the armed forces of Turkey.

We, the representatives of over 200,000 Greek Cypriots in Britain, have bought this space in order to voice our dismay at this promotion of an illegal "Republic".

We object because this "Republic" is nothing but a secessionist, unrecognised pseudo-state, established with the blessing of Turkey and supported by thousands of her occupying troops, bent on maintaining by force of arms the artificial division of the island's Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

As people who were born in Cyprus, who have relatives and friends that have been forcibly uprooted from their homes and properties, it breaks our hearts to see *their* land and *their* investments being promoted and advertised under the misnomer of "Northern Cyprus".

It is disturbing to see strenuous attempts to promote this illegal "state" at a time when new U.N. efforts are under way to reunite the island and when there are signs of a more positive climate in the region which might at last allow those efforts a chance of success.

The fact is that there is only one Cyprus, with a long, rich and proud history — a common land belonging to all Cypriots.

No amount of propaganda and advertising in the service of bigotry and intolerance will shake our resolve to work with our Turkish Cypriot compatriots towards the reunification of our beloved Cyprus. Nor will it shake our adherence and that of our British friends to the principles of justice and freedom.

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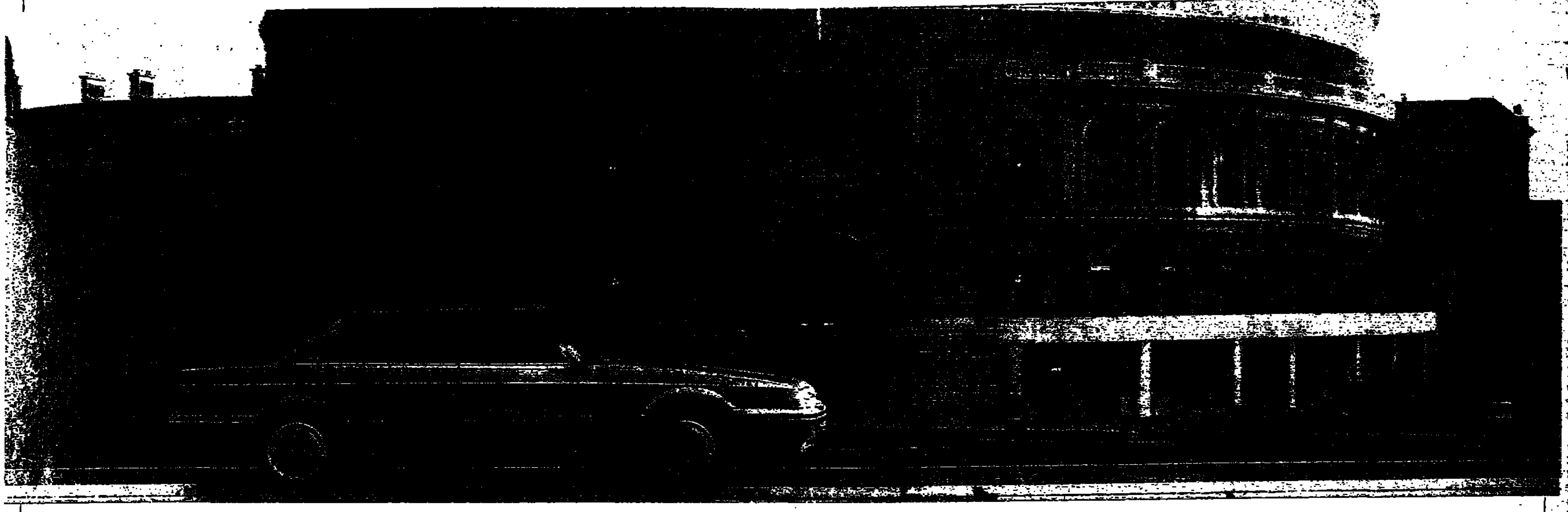

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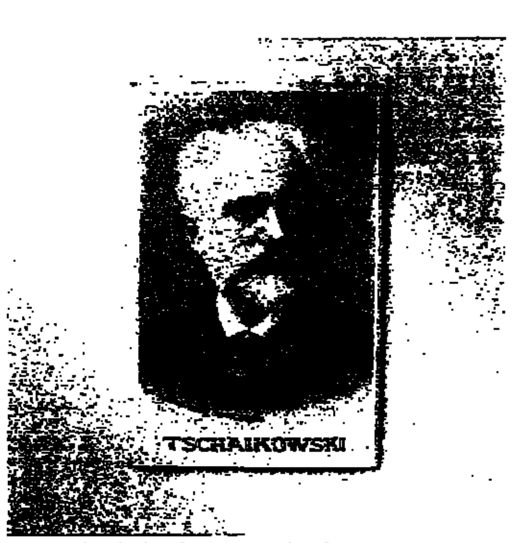

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Guinness: unravelling the story

The extradition hearing starts this week for Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker facing 19 charges in connection with Guinness's takeover of Distillers. Several other City figures face charges. Lawrence Lever explains what has happened so far

Ernest Saunders: transformed sleepy stout brewer into international drinks group before the Distillers battle led to his fall

Characters in the Guinness affair: from left, Ivan Boesky, Olivier Roux, Christopher Reeves and Graham Walsh

Arrested and charged with various offences: from left, Sir Jack Lyons, Gerald Ronson, Lord Spens and Anthony Parnes

Towards the end of 1986, Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman and chief executive of Guinness, was riding high. In the space of five years he had transformed Guinness from a sleepy brewer of stout with declining profits to an international drinks company more than 30 times the size it was when Mr Saunders arrived on the scene.

Well-known brands such as Gordon's gin and Johnnie Walker whisky were under his control after Guinness's successful takeover of Distillers for £2.7 billion in April.

The Distillers takeover had been one of the most bitterly fought in corporate history. Distillers had a rival suitor in the form of Argyll, the drinks and food group run by Mr James Gulliver.

For more than two months, Argyll and Guinness battled over Distillers in the stock market, the courts and in government departments. It was an unseemly scramble characterized by allegations of dirty tricks, libel actions and regular complaints to the City's Takeover Panel.

The fact that Guinness emerged victorious on April 18, 1986, was in no small measure due to Mr Roger Seelig. Mr Seelig was the star corporate financier at Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's merchant bank. He was renowned as a brilliant tactician and a highly creative thinker.

Morgan Grenfell had a reputation as an aggressive merchant bank, one which was not afraid to poach its rivals' clients. Its aggression had paid off: it was constantly top of the league tables of banks which acted in takeover bids. But its success had earned it enemies.

Neither Morgan Grenfell nor Mr Seelig belonged in "the Establishment." Mr Saunders was definitely not an establishment figure. He had offended practically every important authority involved in overseeing the financial community when Guinness reneged on two promises it had made to the numerous Distillers shareholders during the takeover battle, aimed at securing their support.

If successful, Guinness pledged it would move the companies' headquarters to Scotland. And it would appoint Sir Thomas Risk, the Governor of the Bank of Scotland, as chairman.

The Guinness retraction started a political and financial dispute which left the Government and the Bank of England fuming.

On December 1, 1986, the worlds of Mr Saunders, Mr Seelig, and several others involved in the Distillers bid started falling apart.

On that day, the Government announced it had appointed two inspectors to investigate the affairs of Guinness, under sections of the Companies Act that made clear wrongdoing was suspected.

There was a co-ordinated raid by the inspectors and Department of Trade and Industry officials on several City institutions involved in the Guinness takeover of Distillers, impounding documents and warning against their destruction.

The two inspectors, Mr David Donaldson QC, and Mr Ian Watt, an accountant, went to Guinness's Portman Square headquarters in London where they were met by Mr Olivier Roux, the finance director.

It was perhaps significant that at the time of the appointment of the inspectors, Mr Saunders and Mr Roux were not getting on.

In the Parnes extradition case, Mr Roux claims in evidence: "At the outset of the bid (for Distillers), my relationship with Ernest Saunders was *reasonably close, although* the relationship was never one of equals. During the course of the bid, the relationship deteriorated. At the end of the bid, the relationship was strained and he was hardly talking to me."

All communication between the two men ceased a few days later.

The government investigation was triggered by information which the US authorities provided to the DTI.

A huge insider dealing investigation in the United States had netted Ivan Boesky, a well-known Wall Street speculator. Boesky struck a deal with the US authorities: he would tell all he knew about the illegal activities he had been involved in, in return for leniency. He revealed he had been involved in the Guinness takeover of Distillers.

As is common in large takeover bids, Guinness had not offered Distillers shareholders cash for their shares.

Instead, its offer consisted largely of new Guinness shares. It followed that if the price of Guinness shares went up, the value of its offer to Distillers' shareholders would increase — hopefully above the level of the rival Argyll bid.

Boesky claimed he had agreed a secret deal with Guinness during the bid. According to US court evidence, he agreed to buy vast quantities of Guinness shares "to artificially affect its market price and make the Guinness *offer more attractive.*"

In return, Boesky alleged that in return Guinness guaranteed to indemnify him against any losses on his purchases of Guinness shares and promised him an unspecified financial reward. After the Distillers takeover, Guinness invested $100 million in a fund run by Boesky.

However, when the DTI inquiry was announced, Boesky's role was not publicly known. It did not take long for this information to come out, nor for the scale of the share-price support operation and the Guinness payments to supporters to be revealed.

The real catalyst was Mr *Olivier Roux. His letter,* in early January 1987, to the Guinness board, claimed the company had secretly orchestrated a massive support operation for its own share price and had paid out millions of pounds in indemnities and success fees to "supporters."

Such a share-price support *operation was potentially* illegal under the Companies Act, which makes it a criminal offence for a company to purchase its own shares, except in certain narrowly defined circumstances.

It was also claimed that Mr Saunders had been a prime figure in the support operation and the payments — a claim he flatly denies.

Ten people, including Mr Saunders, Mr Roux and Mr Seelig, lost their jobs in the first two months of the Guinness investigation. Mr Saunders was dismissed. Most of the others were allowed to resign. Three of the 10 left after pressure was exerted by the *Bank of England.*

Also on the casualty list was Mr Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker who acted for several prominent businessmen. His firm, Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, severed all links with him as soon as it emerged that he had helped procure the support of Mr Gerald Ronson, head of the Heron Corporation.

Mr Ronson admitted to receiving £5.8 million from Guinness in return for buying £25 million worth of Guinness shares. In January 1987 he returned the money.

Mr Parnes had been introduced to Guinness by Sir Jack *Lyons, a businessman and* patron of the arts.

According to Mr Roux's claims in California: "Sir Jack Lyons and Anthony Parnes were also involved (in the Distillers bid) on a 'behind the scenes' basis as unofficial financial advisers."

Between them Sir Jack and Mr Parnes were paid fees of £5.6 million for their services. Their fees and those of Mr Ronson formed part of £25 million paid to supporters of the Guinness bid. Much of this has since been repaid.

Also included in the £25 million is, according to Guinness, a payment to Mr Thomas Ward, a Guinness director who has since resigned.

Guinness is suing Mr Ward and Mr Saunders in the High Court for the recovery of this money. Pending this, Mr Saunders's assets have been frozen by the court.

Mr Saunders's position, as described in a letter to Guinness shareholders, is that "I have not benefited in any way whatsoever from any part of the £25 million of allegedly improper payments, nor did I have any knowledge of, or part in, any unlawful share-support operation or any other unlawful transaction."

He describes himself as "a marketing man" and "not a man versed in financial and City matters."

While Guinness was mounting *an international operation* to recover the £25 million, a Fraud Squad investigation was launched under the auspices of the Crown Prosecution Service (formerly the Director of Public Prosecutions).

The Fraud Squad had access to transcripts of evidence taken by the DTI inspectors from witnesses. The inspectors have tough powers to compel witnesses to answer questions. These transcripts have formed the basis for criminal charges of theft, false accounting, conspiracy and illegal financial assistance against several of the Guinness supporters.

The CPS has taken the view that the share-price support operation was unlawful. In the US government's evidence filed for Mr Parnes's extradition proceedings, it is described as "a sophisticated and illegal share-support scheme to increase artificially the price of Guinness shares in circumstances where the share prices was of crucial importance."

The CPS has also taken the view that the payments made *to the supporters constituted* theft from Guinness.

Mr Roux, whose name appears on many of the £25 million Guinness invoices, has not been charged with any offence. He is expected to be a key witness for the prosecution.

All the defendants deny every charge that has been brought against them. Top-level teams of barristers and solicitors have been assembled on both sides.

The trial is expected late this year, although extradition proceedings for Mr Parnes and possibly Mr Ward, could delay it until well into 1989.

Meanwhile, a DTI investigation has begun into the Burton Group, which appears to focus on its takeover of Debenhams in 1985.

Mr Parnes played a key role in this takeover bid, as did Mr Ronson. At the moment the DTI inquiry is limited. A full-scale investigation may, however, be launched.

THE LONG TRAIL TO LOS ANGELES

January 20, 1986: Guinness launches a £2.2bn agreed takeover bid for Distillers.
March 21: Guinness raises bid *to £2.7bn.*
April 18: Argyll defeated by Guinness in Distillers bid.
May 29: Guinness invests $100m in fund run by Ivan *Boesky*
July 14: Sir Thomas Risk dropped as chairman-to-be.
November 14: Boesky revealed as insider dealer. Involvement with Guinness relayed to DTI.
December 1: DTI inquiry into Guinness announced.
December 30: Morgan Grenfell resigns as Guinness's merchant bank. Mr Seelig forced to resign.
January 5, 1987: Mr Olivier Roux, Guinness finance director, reveals multi-million share-support operation and payments to "supporters."
January 9: Mr Saunders stands down "until outcome of the DTI inquiry."
January 12: Mr Roux resigns.
January 14: Guinness dismisses Mr Saunders and seeks resignations as directors of Mr Thomas Ward and Dr Arthur Fürer.
January 16: Dr Fürer resigns. Argyll threatens massive lawsuit against Guinness. Guinness tells of £25m worth of unexplained invoices.
***January 20:** Bank of England* urges resignations of Mr Christopher Reeves, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell, and Mr Graham Walsh, head of Morgan's corporate finance department.
January 21: Mr Gerald Ronson, head of Heron Corporation, admits receiving £5.8m of fees from Guinness under an arrangement initiated by a stockbroker *later identified* as Mr Parnes. Mr Ronson returns money to Guinness, saying: "I did not focus on the legal implications of what had occurred".
January 22: Guinness rejects "friendly merger" approach from Argyll. Bank of England insists on resignation of Lord Spens of the Henry Ansbacher bank. S&W Berisford, chaired by Mr Ephraim Margulies, offers to repay £1.4m received from Guinness.
January 28: Zentralsparkasse und Kommerzialbank, the Austrian bank, admits receiving £254,000 from Guinness. Sir Jack Lyons, businessman, admits receiving fees "in excess of £2m" from Guinness. He said he had earned fees "for valuable advisory services".
January 29: Mr Parnes admits receiving £3m fee for "key advice."
March 11: Mr Ward admits receiving £5.2m in fees from Guinness via Jersey company.
March 19: Guinness issues writ against Mr Saunders and Mr Ward over £5.2m payment and obtains injunction freezing their UK assets.
April 15: Court refuses to lift asset-freezing order against Mr Saunders and Mr Ward.
May 1: Mr Ward resigns as Guinness director.
May 6: Mr Saunders arrested, charged with three offences concerning alleged destruction of documents.
July 17: High Court orders Mr Ward to repay £5.2m.
July 28: Mr Saunders says he is suing Guinness and Mr Roux.
October 1: Mr Parnes arrested at Los Angeles.
October 8: Sir Jack Lyons arrested and charged with theft *of £3.25m.*
October 13: Mr Ronson arrested and charged with £5.8m theft. A further 37 charges brought against Mr Saunders, including theft of £24m.
October 15: Mr Seelig arrested and charged with theft of £2.95m.
October 27: Mr Parnes agrees to repay £2m to Guinness.
November 16: Sir Jack Lyons agrees to return undisclosed sum to Guinness.
January 19, 1988: High Court told that Cazenove & Co, the stockbroker, received two £76m cheques for the purchase of 10 million Distillers shares on *penultimate day* of Guinness bid.
March 10: Lord Spens arrested and charged with four offences.

YEAR 1986		YEAR 1987
	RESULTS	
171·5	PREMIUM INCOME £m	195·5
89·1	POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS £m	101·7
8·6	STOCKHOLDERS' SURPLUS £m	10·3
35·5p	NET DIVIDEND	42·0p

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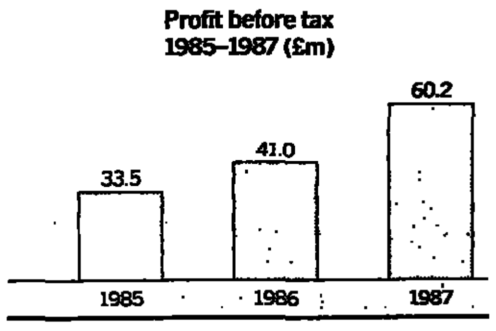

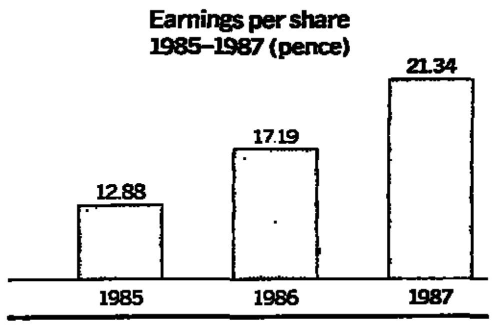

Extracts from a statement by the Chairman, Professor Roland Smith.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	1987 £ million	1986 £ million	Percentage Change
Turnover	415.4	362.4	+14.6%
Profit before tax	60.2	41.0	+46.8%
Profit after tax	39.6	27.5	+44.0%
Earnings per share	21.34p	17.19p	+24.1%
Dividend	9.90p	8.28p	+19.6%

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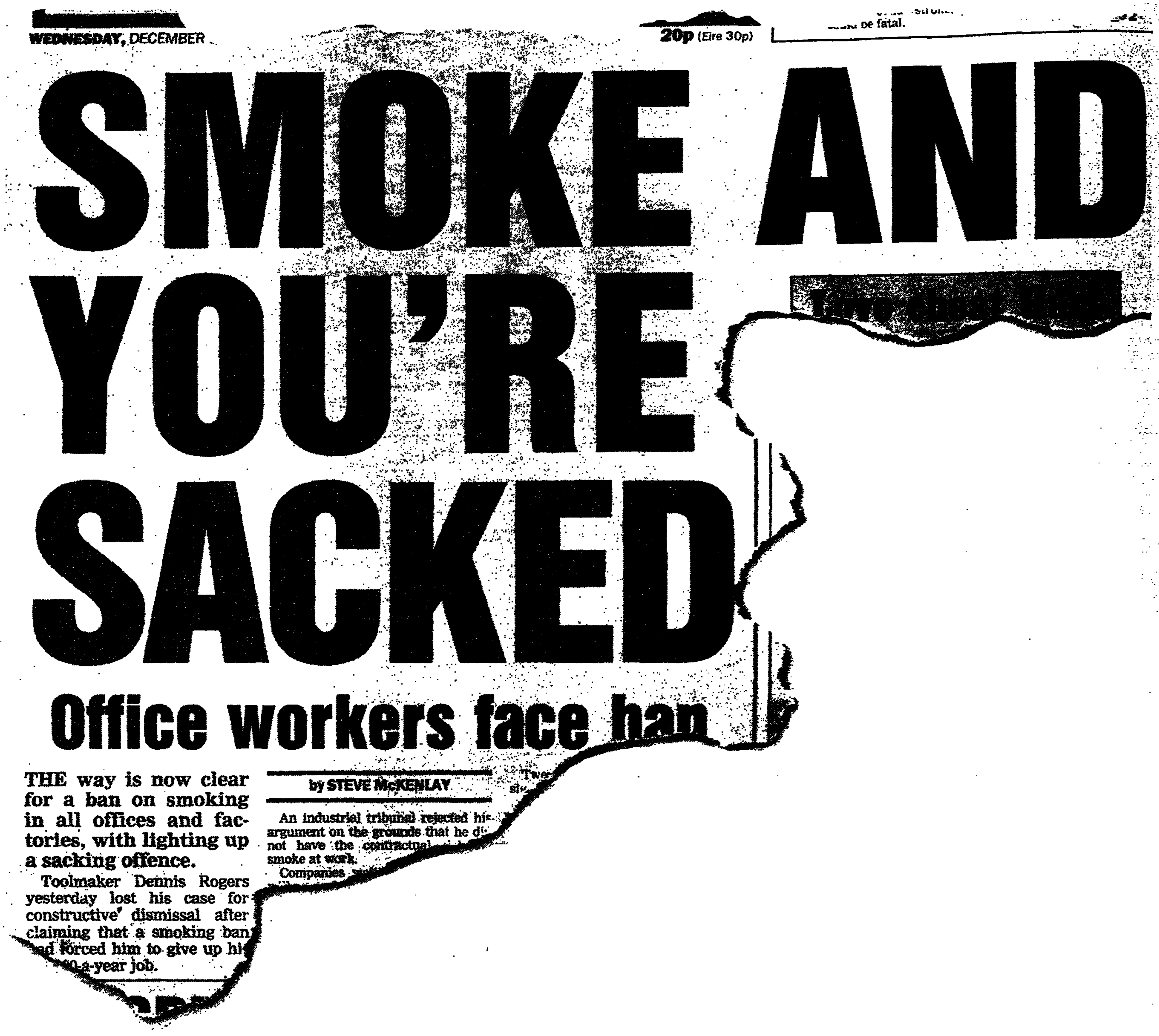

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by STEVE McKENLAY

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Companies

Do we live in a free country? 17 million people are having serious doubts.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Small losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 21. Dealings end April 8. §Contango day April 11. Settlement day April 18.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 28).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
2	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
3	Five Oaks	Property	
4	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Domino	Electricals	
6	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Brierley Inv	Industrials A-D	
8	Greenall Whitley	Breweries	
9	England (J)	Foods	
10	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
11	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
12	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
13	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
14	Vaux Grp	Breweries	
15	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
16	Br Mohair	Textiles	
17	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
18	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
19	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
20	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
21	Freshbake	Foods	
22	Foster (John)	Textiles	
23	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
24	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
25	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
26	Benlox	Industrials A-D	
27	Collins (Wm)	Newspapers,Pub	
28	Caird Gp	Property	
29	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
30	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
31	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	
32	Midsummer	Leisure	
33	Markheath	Property	
34	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
35	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
36	Securiguard	Industrials S-Z	
37	Castings	Industrials A-D	
38	Bellwinch	Building,Roads	
39	Br Land	Property	
40	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
41	Alba	Electricals	
42	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102⅞	100⅛	Exch	10½% 1988	100⅛	..	10.4	8.629
101⅞	96	Treas C	9¾% 1988	100⅛	..	9.72	8.498
98¼	92⅞	Trans	3% 1978-88	98⅝	● ..	3.03	8.651
101⅞	94⅞	Treas	9¾% 1988	100⅞	● ..	9.4	8.837
105⅝	95⅞	Treas	11½% 1989	102⅝	..	11.2	8.715
104⅛	97½	Treas	10½% 1989	102	..	10.3	8.821
103¾	96¼	Exch	10% 1989	101⅜	..	9.85	8.801
108	95⅞	Exch	10½% 1989	103⅞	..	9.8	7.637
105⅛	95	Exch	11% 1989	103	● ..	10.6	8.802
96⅝	88⅞	Treas	5% 1986-89	96⅜	● ..	5.19	7.570
102⅛	93⅛	Treas C	9½% 1989	100⅞	● ..	9.4	8.645
95⅛	88⅞	Treas	3% 1989	96⅞	..	3.1	6.617
102⅛	98⅞	Treas	8% 1990	101	..	..	..
111	101⅛	Treas	13% 1990	108⅞	+⅛	12.1	8.881
108½	95	Exch	11% 1990	103⅞	..	10.6	8.871
110⅛	99⅞	Exch	12½% 1990	108⅞	..	11.7	8.947
92⅛	84⅛	Treas	3% 1990	92⅞	+⅛	3.2	7.014
100	93⅞	Treas	8¾% 1987-90	99⅞	+⅞	8.3	8.704
105	94⅞	Treas	10% 1990	102⅞	● ..	9.7	8.959
91⅛	80⅞	Exch	2½% 1990	89⅞	+⅛	2.7	6.781
110⅛	96⅞	Treas C	10% 1991	104⅞	+⅞	9.6	8.549
110½	101⅛	Treas	11¾% 1991	106⅞	+⅛	11.0	8.963
95⅞	85⅞	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	94	●+⅛	6.1	8.065
109⅞	97	Exch	11% 1991	106⅞	●+⅛	10.3	8.993
90⅞	78⅞	Treas	3% 1991	88⅞	+⅛	3.3	7.199
99	91	Treas	8% 1991	97⅞	+⅛	8.2	8.891
116½	105	Treas	12¾% 1992	112	+⅞	11.4	9.048
106⅛	92⅞	Treas	10% 1992	103⅞	+⅛	9.6	9.014
108⅞	95⅞	Treas C	10¼% 1992	105	+⅛	10.0	9.105
86⅛	79⅞	Treas	3% 1992	85	+⅛	3.5	7.241
99	89⅛	Treas	8% 1992	97⅞	●+⅞	8.2	8.961
117	100⅞	Exch	12¼% 1992	111⅞	..	11.0	9.142
121	104⅛	Exch	13½% 1992	115⅞	..	11.6	9.168
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
107⅛	93⅞	Treas	10% 1993	103⅞	● ..	9.6	9.141
118½	107½	Treas	12½% 1993	113⅞	..	10.9	9.190
95⅞	81⅞	Fund	6% 1993	91⅞	..	6.55	7.928
125⅞	107⅞	Treas	13¾% 1993	119⅞	..	11.5	9.292
129⅞	113½	Treas	14½% 1994	123⅞	+⅞	11.7	9.252
120⅞	103⅞	Exch	12½% 1994	115⅞	..	10.8	9.370
124⅞	108⅞	Exch	13½% 1994	119⅞	● ..	11.3	9.350
103⅞	89⅞	Treas	9% 1994	99⅞	..	9.04	9.093
107⅞	39⅞	Treas	10% 1994	103⅞	..	9.6	9.205
118⅞	104⅞	Treas	12% 1995	113⅞	+⅞	10.6	9.367
84¼	75⅞	Gas	3% 1990-95	80⅞	..	3.72	6.465
109⅞	97⅞	Exch	10¼% 1995	105⅞	+⅞	9.7	9.281
123⅞	106	Treas	12¾% 1995	118⅞	+⅞	10.7	9.367
130⅞	114⅞	Treas	14% 1996	124⅞	+⅞	11.2	9.536
102⅞	89	Treas	9% 1992-96	99⅞	+⅞	9.0	9.089

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
215	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	163	167	-3	8.2	5.0	8.8
449	273	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	358	362	-1	17.4	4.8	7.0
17	705	Schroders	9	10	..	22.6	2.4	14.8
843	398	Stand Chart (aa)	473	477	-2	48.0	10.1	6.9
154	97	TSB (aa)	110	112	● ..	5.3	4.8	7.4
818	453	Union	535	550	s ..	29.5	5.4	12.3
576	263	Warburg SG	345	350	..	14.4	4.1	..
198	102	Do 6% 'A'	122	125	●-1	8.2	6.6	..
37⅞	21	Wells Fargo	283	..	+⅞	.. f	..	..
550	298	Westpac	435	460	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	290	Allied-Lyons (aa)	380	382	+6	16.2	4.3	11.3
10½	746½	Bass (aa)	860	870	..	26.8	3.1	12.9
77	35	Belhaven	48	50	+4½	1.3	2.7	17.6
233	124	Boddington	143	147	+1	5.1	3.5	15.8
346	131	Buckleys	188	197	..	4.4	2.3	59.8
239	139	Bulmer (H P)	178	183	+2	8.2	4.5	12.9
195	120	Burtonwood Brew	145	155	..	4.0	2.7	24.2
535	332	Clark (Matthew)	372	382	●-1	13.7	3.6	12.8
361	282	Devenish (JA)	332	340	+2	4.1	1.2	29.6
279½	150	Greenall Whitley	212	217	+3	8.2	3.8	12.2
494	258	Greene King	470	477	-4	9.3	2.0	24.3
390	225	Guinness (aa)	313	318	..	12.6	4.0	11.2
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	685	705	..	28.5	4.2	13.0
106	68	Highland Dist	103	105	..	3.4	3.3	16.3
223	138	Invergordon Dist	205	215	● ..	7.9	3.8	12.8
248	145	Irish Dist	220	230	..	..	..	..
154	110	Marston Thompson	119	121	+1	3.6	3.0	15.2
603	345	Morland	495	510	..	10.8	2.1	19.9
470	131	SA Breweries	315	340	..	..	..	..
294	178	Scot & New (aa)	275	280	-2	11.3	4.1	15.5
599	465	Vaux Grp	535	540	+3	19.5	3.6	16.4
385	251	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	312	315	-1	12.6	4.0	13.2
400	248	Do 'B'	315	335	..	12.6	3.9	13.7
374	210	Whitbread Inv	315	323	..	11.8	3.8	37.1
424	277½	Wolverhampton & D	392	400	+1	8.0	2.0	18.8
477	274	Young 'A'	375	385	..	12.3	3.2	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
360	129	Abbey	220	240	-5	..	..	..
449	252	Amec	375	380	..	18.8	4.4	14.2
510	205	Anglia Sec	415	440	-12	2.7	0.6	25.2
438	28	Anglo Utd	44	48	● ..	1.4	3.1	83.3
155	68	Arncliffe	105	125	●+3	4.3	3.7	6.8
402	184	Attwoods	283	297	-5	8.9	3.0	16.8
442½	218	BPB Ind (aa)	290	295	-1	9.6	3.3	12.7
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	285	295	+5	4.5	1.6	20.5
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	71	74	-1	1.9	2.6	15.1
252	134	Barratt Devs	197	200	-17	12.2	6.1	13.1
327	160	Bellway	250	255	..	11.0	4.3	12.2
186	76	Bellwinch	105	110	●+2	2.9	2.7	9.7
530	178	Berkeley Gp	358	387	-6	3.6	1.0	21.1
148	65	Bett Bros	90	100	-2	4.8	5.1	21.9
675	137	Blockleys	335	385	..	7.4	2.1	30.1
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	463	467	+4	18.5	4.0	12.5
295	120	Breedon PLC	245	275	+3	8.2	3.2	..
253	86	Br Dredging	124	130	-1	6.9	5.4	23.0
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	37	38½	-1½	..	..	97.4
148	79	Bryant	142	145	●-1	4.4	3.1	17.0
38½	10	Burnett & Hallam	13	14½	r ..	..	..	1.5
204	100	CRH	118	122	●+2	..	..	..
177	80	Cakebread Robey	110	120	+3	5.2	4.5	14.4
373	178	Caradon	315	322	..	10.3n	3.2	18.5
183	86	Church Charles	128	132	..	1.4	1.1	14.2
303	150	Conder Grp	280	305	..	6.2	2.1	33.6
385	110	Copson PLC	142	152	-3	2.4	1.6	80.3
387	198	Costain	327	332	-5	12.2	3.7	12.0
402	120	Countryside	280	285	●-9	2.6	0.9	14.3
232	138	Crest Nicholson	213	217	● ..	7.8	3.6	10.8
118	63	Crosby James	92	97	●+3	2.4	2.5	..
291	129	Douglas (RM)	288	292	..	4.3b	1.5	22.7
136½	75	Erith	98	103	..	3.4	3.4	20.8
310	118	Federated Hsg	284	288	●-13	6.9	2.4	10.4
182	75	Finlan Gp	81	85	●+2	6.2	7.5	12.5
90	46	Galliford	61	64	● ..	3.7	5.9	14.1
235	135	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	225	235	-5	3.4b	1.5	40.6
593	348	Gleeson (MJ)	485	505	-5	9.1	1.8	11.8
335	162	Harrison Ind	232	242	..	8.2	3.5	14.6
378	171	Henderson	365	373	..	11.6	3.1	34.0
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	132	135	-1	2.7	2.0	20.3
395	203	Heywood Williams	308	315	● ..	13.0	4.2	11.4
436	234	Higgs & Hill	357	365	..	10.6	2.9	17.3
85½	41	Howard Hldgs	54	57	..	1.9	3.4	10.2
245	92½	Ibstock Johnsen	180	185	-3	8.0	4.4	18.9
138	83	Jarvis (J) & Sons	117	134	● ..	2.4	2.0	..
400	170	Laing (J)	310	313	+2	8.2	2.6	10.5
414	217	Do 'A'	310	313	+1	8.2	2.6	10.5
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	145	148	..	5.8	3.9	14.3
77½	34	Lilley (FJC)	40	41	..	..	..	5.2
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	257	260	● ..	6.9	2.7	12.8
406	149	Magnet (aa)	240	245	-3	8.6	3.5	15.5
413	293	Mandecs	378	388	-1	14.3	3.7	20.4
195	113	Marley	153	157	-1	6.0	3.9	18.2
368	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	280	285	● ..	8.9	3.4	17.9
114	64	Maunders (J)	92	97	-1	2.9	3.1	15.4
877	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	447	455	●-3	21.9	4.9	9.1
620	303	McCarthy & S	484	491	-1	5.8	1.1	14.7
485	288	Meyer Int	382	385	-1	9.9	2.6	12.8
171	38	Miller (Stanley)	68	73	+3	1.7	2.4	49.7
541	305½	Mowlem (John)	430	435	●-5	22.3	5.2	12.9
13¼	795	Newarthill	12¾	13½	..	17.1	1.3	28.1
248½	155	Newman Tonks	183	187	● ..	10.6	5.7	13.5
182	63	Persimmon	175	178	●-2	3.1	1.8	13.6
158	80	Phoenix Timber	102	105	..	3.4	3.3	12.4
820	370	Pochins	720	750	..	21.9	3.0	8.1
574	341	RMC Gp (aa)	468	474	+2	13.4	2.8	15.4
167	80	Rame Ind	103	108	-3	1.9	1.8	21.4
575	352	Redland (aa)	438	443	+1	18.7	4.2	12.4
205	97	Ruberoid	163	168	..	4.9	3.0	14.6
396	173	Rugby Group	263	267	..	11.6	4.4	11.9
316	175	Sandell Perkins	238	248	..	6.3	2.6	15.9
250	136	Sharpe & Fisher	220	230	..	5.5	2.4	14.6
138	88	Smart (J)	115	125	-5	7.2	6.0	17.9
416	237	Steetley	342	347	..	11.3	3.3	16.3
348	190	Tarmac (aa)	252	257	-6	8.7	3.4	16.1
548	287	Taylor Woodrow	420	423	-3	13.4	3.2	13.8
407	197	Tilbury Group	329	338	-2	9.9	3.0	16.0
423	240	Travis & Arnold	340	347	+1	7.4	2.2	17.0
233	90	Trent	140	148	●-4	1.6	1.1	21.1
413	305	Tunnel	313	322	..	13.6	4.3	26.3
815	275	Vibroplant	635	650	+10	17.1	2.7	21.5
208	99	Ward Group	152	162	..	3.4	2.2	17.7
227	77	Ward Hldgs	170	176	●-1	3.3	1.9	11.0
177	68	Warrington	100	110	..	..	..	12.0
388	208	Watts Blake	268	275	..	7.8	2.9	15.2
308	162	Westbury	263	267	..	6.8	2.8	14.2
315	101	Wiggins	200	205	-6	7.1	3.5	16.1
200	131	Wilson Bowden	195	198	-1	4.7	2.4	..
445	242	Wilson (Connolly)	378	383	+4	4.1	1.1	19.9
288	163	Wimpey G (aa)	258	263	●-3	7.9	3.0	14.9
189	92	YRM	118	126	..	3.3	2.7	13.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	94	Allied Colloids	138	140	-4	2.8	2.0	19.1
848	303	Amersham	494	497	..	11.8	2.4	20.2
255	100	BTP	148	155	..	7.9	5.2	16.3
126¼	79⅞	Bayer DM50	88⅞		-⅞			
258	129	Blagden	164	169	● ..	10.6	6.3	11.0
231	108	Brent Chems	138	142	..	6.4b	4.5	14.2
313	135	Canning (W)	197	201	..	5.6	2.8	18.7
445	273	Coalite	310	314	-5	12.2	3.9	10.1
439	194	Coates Bros	323	329	s ..	10.6	3.3	10.3
48	19	Cory (Horace)	24	26	+1	1.0	4.0	29.8
273	165	Croda	201	203	-1	11.5	5.7	16.6
263	154	Do Dfd	195	197	●-1	..	..	16.1
243	144	Ellis & Everard	182	186	..	6.7	3.6	14.3

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
473	208	TI	323	327	●-1	13.7	4.2	11.0
310	108	TNT	181	188	-2	..	..	..
148	53	TSL Gp	137	135	● ..	1.0	0.8	..
510	240	Tace	238	250	● ..	13.7	5.7	8.5
155½	49½	Takeda Chem	149⅛	-	+1⅛	..	..	..
51	8	Talbex	26	28	..	..	..	..
218	77	Telfos	148	153	-4	5.7	3.8	23.1
190	90	Tex Hldgs	119	124	..	7.2	5.9	17.2
300	135	Third Mile	275	285	..	4.5	1.6	22.2
175	73	Thomson T-Line	103	107	● ..	0.8	0.8	..
320	175	Tomkins	248	250	●-1	4.6	1.8	18.4
439	258	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	334	337	-1½	19.9	5.9	12.4
280	167	Transcontinental	205	215	● ..	9.6	4.6	12.6
299	183	Transport Dev	215	228	● ..	11.6	5.3	10.9
83	12	Transwood	34	35	●-1	0.7	2.0	6.9
128	59	Triefus	88	93	..	2.1	2.3	17.3
238	110	Triplex Lloyd	172	177	..	5.1	2.9	15.4
178	59	Unigroup	62	67	+2	..	..	12.6
720	415	Unilever (aa)	478	485	●-8	16.6	3.4	11.9
46	31⅝	Unilever (NV)	33⅞	-	-⅞	..	..	..
74	17	Utd Guarantee	24	26	+1	..	..	..
655	197	VSEL	535	550	..	12.3	2.3	12.7
23	17	Vernon	17	18	..	0.4	2.3	..
246	123	Vickers	166	168	-2	9.2	5.5	9.6
265	129	Vinten	155	165	● ..	4.8	3.0	15.0
149¾	87½	Volkswagen	81	-	+1⅛			
313	130	Wade Potteries	190	205	+5	6.0	3.0	13.8
473	257	Wagon Ind	315	325	..	14.4	4.5	12.9
188	60	Walker, Greenbank	118	122	..	2.1	1.8	23.2
227	140	Warner Howard	150	170	-7	3.8	2.3	20.9
137½	51	Waterford Glass	72	74	..	..	..	..
257	123	Weir	225	228	..	5.1	2.2	26.4
570	232	Wellcome (aa)	482	485	..	3.9	0.8	42.2
79½	31½	Wellman	40	41	..	..	..	6.9
106	23	Westmex	42	-	-2	..	..	..
450	275	Whatman Reeve	328	330	..	4.5	1.4	16.8
134	76	Whessoe	98	103	-2	1.4	1.4	9.0
390	245	Whitecroft	280	300	..	14.3	4.8	12.8
265	105	Wilkes (James)	162	169	+2	9.7	5.8	10.7
348	182	Williams Hldgs (aa)	305	308	●-1	9.6	3.1	15.0
219	136	Wills Gp	133	138	..	8.8	6.5	10.3
354	230	Wolseley	273	280	..	10.0	3.6	11.4
196	41	Wood (SW)	88	98	-4	..	..	51.7
250	55	Worcester	200	210	+2	2.3	1.1	29.3
307	118	Wyndham Eng	163	173	+3	3.8	1.8	17.5
422	181	Yale & Valor	238	245	-6	10.0b	4.1	..
179	108	Young (H)	125	130	..	5.3	4.1	10.8

INSURANCE

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
347	183	Abbey Life (aa)	257	260	+1	11.6	4.5	..
19⅜	9	Alex & Alex	12⅛	12¾	●+⅛	.. b	..	..
715	311½	Allianz Vers	145⅜	..	-6	.. f	..	..
28⅞	15⅛	Am Gen	18⅞					
393	163	Bradstock	220	230	●-5	6.9	3.1	12.6
13	838	Britannic	10½	10¾	..	53.4	5.0	
461	275	Com Union (aa)	337	340	●-4	21.9	6.5	12.9
418	160	FAI	195	210	●+5			
11⅝	723	Gen Accident (aa)	905	915	+3	48.0	5.3	22.9
11¼	750	GRE (aa)	903	910	-6	53.4	5.9	26.3
558	352	Heath C E	365	375	-4	34.5	9.3	10.2
131	105	[illegible]	115	125	●-10			
264	105	Hogg Rob & GM	138	145	-1	5.5	3.9	.
394	224	Legal & Gen (aa)	275	280	●-1	15.8	5.7	35.4
191	120	Lloyd Thompson	150	160	-5	2.3	1.5	..
375	183	London & Man	275	280	-9	10.4	3.7	38.5
333	160	Lon Utd Inv	205	215	..	11.5	5.5	10.4
45½	24	Marsh & McLen	28⅝	28⅞	-⅛			
480	236	Minet	470	480	..	14.5	3.1	17.6
412	123	PWS	193	200	●+1	14.4	7.3	8.2
518	285	Pearl (aa)	440	443	-6	16.4	3.7	31.8
11½	718	Prudential (aa)	855	863	+1	46.6	5.4	56.7
599	350	Refuge	450	460	-5	24.7	5.4	24.2
595	343	Royal (aa)	407	412	● ..	26.4	6.4	33.6
348	165	Sedgwick (aa)	205	210	● ..	16.4	7.9	12.9
338	135	Steel Burrill	155	163	●-1	13.7	8.6	9.8
494	236	Stenhouse Hldgs	337	343	s ..	9.3	2.7	21.7
12¼	645	Sun Alliance (aa)	910	918	-7	35.6	3.9	82.3
13	868	Sun Life	10¾	10⅞	..	40.5	3.7	..
407	240	Trade Indemnity	380	380	+10	6.4	1.7	14.0
464	193	Willis Faber (aa)	208	212	-2	15.2	7.2	8.1
128	44	Windsor Securities	58	63	● ..	1.4	2.3	38.6

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LEISURE

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
301	132	Barr & WA 'A'	230	240	..	12.3	5.2	18.2
235	165	Boosey & Hawkes	206	216	..	.. e	..	31.6
438	44	Brent Walker	373	377	-5	8.6	2.3	27.5
337	110	Campari	285	302	+10	5.5	1.8	15.3
211	127	Capital Radio	185	190	..	8.2	4.4	11.4
306	152	Castle Comm	195	205	..	5.5	2.8	14.2
275	111	Chrysalis	120	125	-2	9.6	7.8	15.9
175	105	First Leisure	145	149	-1	..	..	..
185	60	Horizon? [illegible]	140	160	..	..	..	21.3
106	34	Juliana's Hldgs	52	55	..	1.6	3.0	18.0
571	67	LandLeisure	310	315	● ..	3.4	1.1	..
182	55	Leisure Inv	72	76	r +1	2.2	3.0	24.3
221	147	Mecca Leisure	213	217	-2	5.0	2.3	17.8
355	104	Medminster	101	106	s ..	11.6	11.2	4.5
545	266	Midsummer	330	337	+3	5.5	1.6	22.3
182	45	Owners Abroad	83	85	● ..	2.9	3.4	12.3
263	133	Pleasurama	190	193	..	8.2	4.3	11.6
235	82	Quadrant Group	168	178	..	3.6	2.1	18.1
617	361	Really Useful	592	602	-3	18.2	3.0	18.7
220	142	Saga Holidays	182	185	● ..	6.3	3.4	27.3
338	143	Stanley Leisure	217	227	-1	5.1	2.3	20.1
258	84	Tottenham Hotspur	115	120	+3	6.9	5.8	21.4
180	97	Virgin	119	123	-1	3.6	3.0	13.3
166	60	Wembley	125	128	..	..	..	..
136	73	Zetters Gp	93	98	..	7.5	7.8	4.8
185	111	Zetters Leis	108	113	-2	2.1	1.9	20.2

MINING

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
80⅝	42⅛	Am Gold	48⅞	49⅞	..	445	9.0	..
797	487	Ang Amer Coal	6½	7	..	.. b	..	..
17⅜	651	Ang Am	10	10¼	..	54.0	5.3	..
540	282	Blyvoors	293	323	..	79.0	25.6	..
205	79	Bracken	74	89	..	26.0	31.7	..
17¼	9⅛	Buffels	9⅞	10⅝	..	252	25.9	..
183	80	Butte	115	125	-5			
513	158	CRA	268	274	..	..	..	..
136	29	Carr Boyd	31	34	..	..	..	..
15⅛	688	Cons Goldfields (aa)	930	950	●+22	38.4	4.1	15.7
85	70	DRX Inc	80	90	+5	..	..	..
10½	447	De Beers	547	577	..	18.0	3.2	..
355	147	Deelkraal	173	193	..	4.0	2.2	..
325	31	Doornfontein	0⅞	1¼	..	92.0	92.0	..

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
265	136	Hunting P S	190	200	..	12.3	6.3	10.9
34	6½	Jackson	10½	12	r ..	..	..	..
40	10	KCA Drilling	21	23	..	..	..	9.2
397	161	LASMO (aa)	330	335	+3	13.0e	3.9	83.1
233	140	Do Units	165	183	..	41.7	24.0	..
62	12	[illegible]	23	25	..	..	..	..
68	14	New London Oil	22	24	-1	..	..	..
98	11½	Oil Search	47	51	+6	..	..	..
166	52	[illegible]	48	55	..	2.5	4.8	8.2
5⅞	1¼	Petroz	1	1½	-⅛	..	..	..
80½	33	Premier	64	65	..	..	..	34.1
428	195	Ranger	312	317	-6	..	..	..
88⅝	58	Royal Dutch	65⅛	-	-⅛	..	..	..
15¼	920	Shell (aa)	10⅜	10⅝	● ..	65.8	6.2	11.2
382	150	Siebens	315	325	+20	9.6	3.0	28.7
145	36	Sovereign	105	100	..	..	..	6.8
55½	13	TR Energy	13	15	+1	..	..	13.7
36	8	Target	9	12	..	..	..	..
201	74	Tricentrol	199	201	..	.. e	..	8.7
261	116	Triton Europe	158	162	..	..	..	..
328	137	Ultramar (aa)	260	263	●-5	8.9	3.4	16.6
112	40	Woodside	67	71	-1	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
84	28	Boustead	47	49	..	0.3	0.6	..
218	107	[illegible]	135	140	..	9.7	7.0	20.4
130	79	Finlay (James)	86	90	+2	5.7	6.5	..
752	413	Harrison Crosfield	570	575	+1	32.9	5.7	20.7
950	505	Inchcape (aa)	720	728	+1	30.6	4.2	17.3
383	197	Lonrho (aa)	256	258	●-1	17.7	6.9	10.2
120	45	Ocean Wilson	63	68	..	3.4	5.2	10.2
416	280	Paterson Zoch	320	330	-5	9.9	3.0	10.1
416	280	Do 'A'	320	330	●-5	9.9	3.0	10.1
338	107	Polly Peck	270	275	●-3	10.8	4.0	6.5
108	43	Sime Darby	58	65	-2	..	..	..
160	50	Tozer Kemsley	95	98	+5	2.9	3.0	8.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
387	185	Abbott Mead	240	245	●-2	6.2	2.6	12.3
209	89	Addison Cons	97	100	..	3.6	3.5	18.9
358	263	Assoc Paper	263	268	..	11.0	4.1	11.8
415	194	BPP	330	370	● ..	9.0	2.6	20.9
218	103	Barker (Charles)	112	117	-3	4.3	3.7	11.0
353	178	Bemrose	208	211	-2	13.0b	6.2	11.7
484	180	Boase Massimi	297	302	-1	10.7b	3.6	16.4
326	183	Brunning	200	260	-5	5.1	2.2	57.6
278	137	Bunzl (aa)	167	169	-2	6.2	3.7	19.0
928	470	Carlton Comm	755	765	-3	7.3	1.0	27.5
103	45	Catalyst	52	56	..	..	..	17.9
420	220	Chapman	280	315	..	13.0	4.3	13.6
310	173	Cropper (James)	200	215	-5	2.4	1.2	10.6
508	302	DRG	378	382	● ..	14.7	3.9	11.0
196	88	Davidson Pearce	113	118	●-2	4.5	3.9	10.0
180	48½	Delyn Packaging	72	77	..	1.4	1.9	.
12½	176	Eucalyptus Pulp	700	750	..	4.0	0.6	..
403	270	Ferguson Ind	280	283	-1	12.7	4.3	12.9
413	170	FKB	245	255	● ..	7.3	2.9	20.9
470	280	Fitch Design	377	387	+15	10.0	2.6	18.1
97	29	Geers Gross	40	45	-2	.. e	..	11.7
405	185	Gold Greenless	265	272	..	5.9	2.2	18.4
555	251	Hunterprint	393	403	● ..	9.7	2.4	17.4
512	195	KLP	292	302	● ..	6.9	2.3	15.9
158	51	Ketson	72	74	..	.. e	..	..
271	126	Lopex	187	192	..	6.0	3.2	18.5
560	210	Lowe HS & B	393	400	●-1	13.7	3.5	13.1
270	144½	MBL Research	180	190	+2	4.1	2.2	18.0
275	130	More O'Ferrall	200	205	..	7.8	3.8	14.1

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
138	55	Fisher (James)	135	140	● ..	4.9	3.6	20.5
910	500	Graig	710	760	..	20.6	2.8	17.5
102	67	Jacobs (JI)	71	74	..	5.5	7.5	..
460	31	Mersey Docks	292	295	-2	..	..	30.2
394	213	Ocean Transport	295	305	+1	12.9	4.3	15.5
775	425	P & O Dfd (aa)	613	620	+12	30.1	4.9	13.1
159	116	P & O 5.5%	120	125	+2	7.5	6.1	..
338	160	Runciman (Walter)	232	237	..	8.9b	3.8	13.6
460	238	Tiphook	330	345	..	6.2	1.8	18.8
675	375	Turnbull Scott	650	700	..	15.1	2.2	94.5

SHOES, LEATHER

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
285	45	Headlam Sims	90	100	..	0.7e	0.7	..
410	201	Lambert Howarth	205	215	●+2	11.3	5.4	7.7
411	170	Pittard Garnar	218	222	● ..	8.1	3.7	11.2
352	143	Strong & Fisher	258	263	-2	14.7	5.6	9.4
371	195	Style	290	310	-6	6.9	2.3	52.9

TEXTILES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
418	290	Allied Text	365	375	● ..	12.6	3.4	17.7
410	173	Beale (John)	240	250	+2	7.7	3.1	7.9
180	101	Beckman (A)	114	119	.	7.9	6.8	11.6
108	24	Bolton	52	57	..	..	..	38.2
236	137	Br Mohair	200	205	+7	9.1	4.5	10.9
126	61	[illegible]	58	64	..	2.2	3.5	17.7
534	298	Courtaulds (aa)	325	327	..	13.5	4.1	8.5
210	98	[illegible]	97	102	..	4.5	4.5	..
238	88	Crowther (J)	183	187	-2	6.0	3.2	10.4
362	179	Dawson	207	210	-1	9.9	4.7	10.5
175	93	Drummond	117	122	..	3.7	3.1	9.4
166	69	Foster (John)	127	132	+4	5.5	4.2	42.1
275	113	Gaskell Broadloom	165	175	..	8.5	5.0	9.7
99	37	Hicking Pentecost	65	70	-2	.. e	..	29.1
223	103	Illingworth	175	185	+5	5.8	3.2	15.0
340	117	Jerome (S)	232	242	-1	6.9	2.9	15.8
418	203	Lamont	273	278	-1	8.2	3.0	14.4
505	171½	Leeds	395	405	+10	8.6	2.2	14.0
240	115	Lister	118	125	+2	4.8	3.9	7.0
82	55	Lyles (S)	73	78	..	4.3	5.7	17.8
323	118	Mackay (Hugh)	295	305	+12	9.6	3.3	13.4
67	25	Morton	43	48	r ..	..	..	..
245	116	Parkland 'A'	182	187	+2	7.1	3.8	13.8
111	44½	Readicut	72	74	-2	3.2	4.4	12.2
228	109	SEET	155	165	● ..	7.3	4.6	13.0
198	118	Sekers	137	142	+2	3.8	2.7	10.3
175	78	Sirdar	104	107	●-2	7.1	6.7	15.1
205	70	Smallshaw (R)	110	120	+5	3.8	3.3	10.8
130	32	Stoddard	70	75	-1	2.5	3.4	8.8
253	133	Textured Jersey	175	185	● ..	8.6	4.8	15.1
600	245	Tomkinsons	500	520	..	9.6	1.9	19.8
164	87½	Tootal	107	109	-9	6.0	5.6	13.6
169	30	West Trust	34	41	..	3.4e	8.9	12.8
378	175	Yorklyde	205	215	+2	10.3	4.9	8.6

TOBACCOS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	389	BAT (aa)	482	485	+9	21.8	4.5	11.0
138	116	Carroll	130	145	..	..	..	..
499	177	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	430	435	-1	11.2	2.6	12.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.5	120.6c	+0.3	8.29
Hi Inc Equity	118.7	126.9c	-0.1	4.60
Worldwide Bd	186.5	198.2●	-1.4	4.89
American Gth	144.0	154.0	-1.4	1.51
Asian Pacific	58.5	62.6	-0.2	1.94
Assets & Earns	131.4	140.5	+0.4	1.67
Capital Res	77.8	77.9●	+0.1	1.30
Comm Energy	86.2	92.1c	+0.3	0.00
Euro Capital	66.6	71.2c	-0.4	1.05
General	161.7	172.9	-0.4	2.80
Japan	91.8	98.1	-0.5	..
UK Gth Inc	122.0	130.4c	+0.7	1.86
Do Acc	*178.8*	*191.3c*	*+1.0*	*1.27*
US Emerg Co	39.0	41.7●	-0.3	0.00
Income Gth	248.9	266.2	+1.5	3.57
Master Acc	69.3	74.1	-0.1	2.51
American Inc	40.6	43.4●	..	6.31
Ethical Tst	41.5	44.3	-0.2	2.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 8801				
UK Growth	31.2	33.2	-0.1	3.16
N Amer Inc	24.3	25.8	..	4.79
World Gth	38.6	41.0	-0.3	1.23
Extra Inc	38.2	40.6●	-0.1	6.13
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	38.8	41.3	-0.3	2.23
Amer Extra Inc	35.0	37.3●	-0.5	6.21
Australian	18.2	19.4	+0.2	1.81
Euro Tst	40.6	43.2●	-0.2	1.38
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.3	24.8●	..	9.68
Global Income	34.3	36.5●	-0.1	5.30
Hi Income	54.3	57.8	..	5.27
Income Growth	64.9	69.0	-0.1	4.35
International	82.7	88.0	+0.2	0.61
Japan Gen	157.8	167.7	-0.4	0.01
Special Sits	63.2	67.3	-0.1	1.32
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	101.7	108.3●	+1.2	1.10
Exempt	388.1	409.4●	+1.1	4.65
Far Eastern	197.6	212.3●	+0.4	0.10
Fin & Prop	80.6	85.6	+0.1	2.50
Hi Yield	73.3	77.6	+0.1	4.84
Income & Gth	304.4	322.5c	+0.3	4.36
Int Earnings	180.5	191.2c	+0.4	2.65
Int Growth Inc	82.6	88.0●	+0.2	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	147.6	158.1	+0.6	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	107.6	115.6	-0.6	2.66
Preference Inc	128.1	135.7	+0.3	9.27
Sml Co Div Inc	90.1	95.4	+1.1	4.58
Sml Co Gth	282.8	299.6●	+3.1	1.61
Spec Sits Inc	127.9	135.5	+0.1	1.54
UK Growth	381.5	404.1	..	3.19
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366				
High Income	295.9	313.7●	..	4.94
Equity Inc	172.4	182.7	-0.2	4.40
High Yield	176.3	187.1	..	4.82
Balanced	418.2	443.3	-1.5	3.23
Amer Inc	26.6	28.3●	-0.1	4.84
World Ass Val	25.1	26.7	-0.1	1.54
Japan	135.8	144.6	-0.6	0.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE : 01-588 0998				
Capital	399.5	426.7	-1.5	2.56
Euro Sp Sits	48.8	50.0	..	1.00
Far E Sp Sits	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Gold Gen Sp	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Income	352.5	376.3	+0.4	5.18
Int Sp Sits	46.8	50.0	..	1.50
Nth Amer	232.2	247.9	-1.9	1.96
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Investment	440.7		..	4.79
Fixed Int	146.4		..	9.76
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	414.35	c	..	5.04
Acc	£12.7515		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.40
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD 01-606 6622				
Man Retmnt	23.0	24.3●	..	..
SC Special Sits	61.6	65.2	..	0.43
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.9	20.0	-0.2	0.06
Asian Gth	21.7	23.0	-0.1	1.03
Dragon Gth	20.2	21.4	-0.1	1.76
Equity Hi Inc	57.1	60.5	+0.1	4.67
European Gth	24.0	25.4	-0.2	1.64
Gen Equity	49.0	51.9	-0.1	2.80
G/F Intrst Gth	32.9	34.7	..	7.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.5	26.9	+0.1	8.82
Int Income Tst	22.6	24.0	-0.1	5.64
Japan Gth	45.2	47.9	-0.4	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.3	31.1	-0.1	2.14
Special Sits	35.5	37.6	..	1.99
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.5	56.9	+0.1	3.44
Do Acc	54.9	58.4	+0.1	3.44
Income Inc	55.5	59.0●	+0.1	4.11
Do Acc	57.5	61.2●	+0.1	4.11
Worldwide Inc	42.9	45.6	-0.2	1.17
Do Acc	43.3	46.3	-0.2	1.17
Gamma Inc	34.3	36.5●	..	0.99
Do Acc	34.5	36.7●	+0.1	0.99
Amer Gth	51.2	54.5c	-0.5	0.55
Euro Gth	51.0	54.3	-0.1	0.27
Far East	59.8	63.6c	-0.1	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.0	50.6	+0.1	8.33
World Bond	46.6	49.3	-0.1	6.06
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	101.5	108.4	-1.1	0.92

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	53.8	57.3	-0.3	0.81
UK Inc Fd	91.7	97.6●	-0.1	4.51
Far East Fd	86.4	92.0	-0.5	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.1	60.8	-0.2	4.86
Fxd Interest	59.1	62.9	+0.2	9.09
Natural Res Fd	54.9	58.5	+0.4	2.07
European Inc	58.6	62.4	-0.9	2.47
Financials Fd	44.6	47.5●	-0.1	2.66
Int Tech Fd	100.9	107.4	-0.2	0.87
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	66.9	71.3c	..	..
Do Inc	65.3	69.6c	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.5	30.5c	..	..
Do Inc	27.3	29.0c	..	5.60
Inc Gth Acc	56.1	59.7	..	..
Do Inc	50.0	53.2	..	5.60
Serv Co Acc	68.3	72.9	..	..
Do Inc	67.1	71.6	..	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.9	23.3	..	..
Do Inc	21.7	23.1	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	16.0	17.0●	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.9	16.9●	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: Callfree 0800 414161				
American	96.0	102.7	-0.8	1.20
Amer Eqty Inc	25.8	27.7	-0.1	4.84
Amer Spec Sit	45.4	48.6	-0.1	0.00
Australia	21.7	23.1	+0.7	2.49
European	51.1	54.7	+0.5	..
European Inc	20.0	21.3●	+0.3	4.59
Global Conv	22.8	24.1●	+0.1	5.84
Far East Inc	37.2	37.6	-0.4	3.79
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.9	30.2●	-0.1	9.75
Growth & Inc	116.1	124.2	+1.0	4.22
Japan Spec Sit	68.9	73.7	+1.5	..
Japan	163.0	174.4	+4.6	..
Managed Intl	121.2	129.0●	+1.2	0.75
Inc Plus	102.0	109.1●	+0.4	4.77
Famous Name	41.0	43.9	+0.4	2.70
SE Asia	33.1	35.5	+0.8	0.74
Spec Sit	248.5	265.8	+3.2	0.78
Eastern Opps	21.6	23.0●	+0.5	..
Intl Bond	24.1	25.7	..	6.80
Recovery	28.3	30.3●	+0.4	2.42
Moneybuilder	24.3	25.9	+0.2	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	162.9	171.9	-1.5	..
Do Acc	166.4	175.6	-1.4	..
Amer Turn Inc	181.4	191.4	-1.7	1.03
Do Acc	188.1	198.5	-1.8	1.03
Capital Inc	271.2	286.2●	-0.5	2.28
Do Acc	336.1	354.7●	-0.7	2.28
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.2	109.9	+0.1	5.43
Do Acc	146.7	154.8	+0.1	5.43
European Inc	53.6	56.4	-0.3	1.17
Do Acc	53.7	56.6	-0.3	1.17
Extra Inc Inc	235.1	248.1	..	4.48
Do Acc	264.8	279.4	..	4.48
Financial Acc	43.2	45.5	-0.2	0.92
Do Inc	43.1	45.4	-0.1	0.92
Income Tst	160.0	168.8	-0.2	4.17
Do Acc	178.7	188.4	-0.2	4.17
Int Growth Inc	143.8	151.7	-1.2	..
Do Acc	159.7	168.5	-1.3	..

Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40)

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 77.3 (day's range 77.1-77.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for March 23

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8330-1.8390	1.8360-1.8370	0.29-0.26pr	0.79-0.74pr
Montrl	2.2812-2.2905	2.2821-2.2852	0.12p-0.12d	0.07p-0.19d
Amstrdm	3.4818-3.4978	3.4838-3.4875	1⅛-1pr	4⅛-3⅞pr
Brussels	64.81-65.23	64.99-65.16	23-6pr	48-30pr
Copnhgn	11.8852-11.9443	11.8964-11.9120	⅜pr-1ds	⅜-2⅜ds
Dublin	1.1561-1.1641	1.1621-1.1631	17-12pr	28-20pr
Frankft	3.1005-3.1142	3.1037-3.1072	1⅛-1pr	4⅛-3⅞pr
Lisbon	252.47-254.70	253.44-254.49	72-129ds	286-391ds
Madrid	207.13-208.31	207.16-207.64	28-48ds	92-124ds
Milan	2295.37-2306.11	2297.00-2300.09	1-8ds	11-19ds
Oslo	11.6680-11.7126	11.6691-11.6847	4⅜-5⅜ds	15⅜-17⅜ds
Paris	10.5407-10.5807	10.5553-10.5656	⅜pr-⅛ds	par-1⅛ds
Stckhlm	10.9467-10.9807	10.9520-10.9634	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Tokyo	232.42-233.19	232.78-233.09	1⅜-⅞pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	21.78-21.87	21.82-21.85	9⅞-8⅜pr	26-23⅜pr
Zurich	2.5616-2.5746	2.5683-2.5716	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅜-4pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	11.7986-11.8951
Australia dollar	2.4740-2.4771
Bahrain dinar	0.6890-0.6930
Brazil cruzado*	203.09-204.19
Cyprus pound	0.8200-0.8300
Finland marka	7.4300-7.4700
Greece drachma	247.00-249.00
Hong Kong dollar	14.3414-12.3512
India rupee	23.77-23.97
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5025-0.5065
Malaysia dollar	4.7256-4.7301
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.7582-2.7640
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.8575-6.8975
Singapore dollar	*3.7024-3.7064*
S Africa rand (fin)	4.9315-5.0014
S Africa rand (com)	3.9311-3.9389
U A E dirham	6.6125-6.7525

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5780-1.5795	Denmark	6.4830-6.4880	Italy	1252.5-1253.5
Singapore	2.0155-2.0165	W Germany	1.6915-1.6925	Belgium (Com)	35.35-35.40
Malaysia	2.5725-2.5735	Switzerland	1.3985-1.3995	Hong Kong	7.8070-7.8080
Australia	1.3468-1.3478	Netherlands	1.9000-1.9010	Portugal	138.25-138.75
Canada	1.2435-1.2445	France	5.7500-5.7530	Spain	112.75-112.85
Sweden	5.9650-5.9700	Japan	126.70-126.80	Austria	11.89-11.90
Norway	6.3540-6.3590				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9 Low 7 Week fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8 9/32 3 mth – 8¼
Selling: 2 mth – 8¼ 3 mth – 8 3/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8⅜-8 5/16 2 mth: 8 5/16-8 9/32 3 mth: 8 9/32-8 7/32
6 mth 8 11/32-8¼

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9 2 mth: 8 15/16 3 mth: 8 29/32
6 mth 8 31/32

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8½ close 9½
1 week: 8 11/16-8 9/16 1 mth: 8 11/16-8 9/16 3 mth: 8 11/16-8 9/16
6 mth: 8 13/16-8¾ 9 mth: 9 1/16-9 12 mth: 9 3/16-9⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 8¾
3 mth: 8¾ 6 mth: 8¾ 12 mth: 9⅛

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9¾-9½ 2 mth: 8 13/16-8 9/16 3 mth: 8 13/16-8 9/16
6 mth: 8 15/16-8 11/16 9 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 12 mth: 9 3/16-8 15/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8 9/16-8 7/16 3 mth: 8 9/16-8 7/16 6 mth: 8¾-8 9/16
12 mth: 8 29/32-8 27/32

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.65-6.60 3 mth: 6.70-6.65 6 mth: 6.95-6.90
12 mth: 7.35-7.30

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6½-5½	6 11/16-6 7/16	6¾-6⅝	6 13/16-6 11/16	7 1/16-6 15/16
Deutschemark: Call: 3½-2½	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 9/16-3 7/16
French Franc: Call: 7¾-6¾	7¾-7½	8¼-8	8 9/16-8 7/16	8 11/16-8 9/16
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-½	1⅝-1⅜	1 9/16-1 7/16	1¾-1⅝	2⅛-2
Yen: Call: 3⅜-2⅜	*5⅜-5⅛*	4¾-4⅝	4¾-4⅝	4¾-4⅝

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: February 29, 1988. Agreed rates March 28, 1988 to April 25, 1988. Scheme I: 10.45 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.56 per cent. Reference rate January 30, 1988 to February 29, 1988. Scheme IV: 9.247 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $450.00-450.50 Close: $451.00-451.50
High: $451.75-452.25 Low: $448.00-448.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $464.50-469.50 (£252.50-255.50)
Krugerrand: $449.75-452.75 (£244.50-246.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $464.50-469.50 (£252.50-255.50)
American Eagles: $464.50-469.50 (£252.50-255.50)
New Sovereigns: $106.00-107.00 (£57.50-58.25)
Old Sovereigns: $106.00-107.50 (£57.50-58.50)
Platinum: $511.25 (£278.40)
Palladium: $124.25 (£67.65)
Silver: $6.60-6.62 (£3.590-3.605)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling		Previous open interest 29815			
Jun 88	91.21	91.21	91.14	91.19	5973
Sep 88	90.92	90.93	90.87	90.91	270
Dec 88	90.66	90.70	90.66	90.70	121
Mar 89	90.48	90.48	90.46	90.52	14
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.32	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	90.14	0
Three Month Eurodollar		*Previous open interest 25213*			
Jun 88	92.69	92.74	92.68	92.72	5968
Sep 88	92.39	92.45	92.39	92.42	607
Dec 88	92.12	92.17	92.12	92.15	176
Mar 89	91.87	91.88	91.87	91.91	4
Jun 89	NT	—	—	91.70	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.53	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond		Previous open interest 7070			
Mar 88	91-26	92-07	91-26	91-30	59
Jun 88	90-22	91-06	90-21	90-28	8960
Long Gilt		Previous open interest 25275			
Mar 88	122-00	122-07	122-00	122-10	15
Jun 88	121-18	121-26	121-12	121-25	16969
Sep 88	NT	—	—	97-25	0
FT-SE 100		Previous open interest 9250			
Mar 88	183.70	184.60	183.60	184.10	1079
Jun 88	185.80	186.30	185.00	185.70	790
Japanese Govt Bond		Previous open interest 438			
Jun 88	107.44	107.58	107.44	107.48	294
Sep 88	106.75	106.85	106.75	106.95	100

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude sat in almost non-existent trade, the market nervously awaiting Opec President Lukman's statement. He said that the pricing committee would meet in early April and from then on it was a case of headline trading. Products tracked a volatile screen.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)		
Brent Phys	15.45	+40
15 day Apr	15.35	+35
15 day May	15.45	+40
WTI Apr	16.75	+60
WTI May	16.65	+40

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		167-168	
Gasoil EEC	+4	138-140	+4
Non 2H Mar	+5	135-137	+5
Non 1H Apr	+3	133-134	+3
3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	67-68	+1
Naphtha	+1	137-138	+1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Apr 88 Hi 1740-1705 Low Close 1720.0
Jul 88 Hi 1600-1580 Low Close 1587.0
Oct 88 Hi 1610-1595 Low Close 1605.0
Jan 89 Hi 1610-1600 Low Close 1605.0
Vol 304 lots Open interest 2766
Dry cargo index 1648.5 +1.0 on 22/3/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson	
Apr	133.50-33.25
May	130.50-30.25
Jun	130.75-30.50
Jul	130.25-30.00
Aug	131.00-30.50
Sep	133.00-31.50
Oct	134.00-32.00
Nov	134.00-32.00
Dec	134.00-32.00
Vol	7491

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Apr unq
May
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	137.0	140.4
May	149.0	145.0
Nov	93.8	93.9
Feb	101.0	101.5

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1292.0-1293.0	1212.0-1213.0	155525	Steadier
Copper Stand	1252.0-1255.0	1185.0-1186.0	150	Quiet
Lead	344.50-345.00	331.00-331.50	30525	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	553.50-554.00	547.50-548.00	54000	Steady
Silver Large†	644.00-647.00	655.00-658.00	21	Quiet
Silver Small†	644.00-647.00	655.00-658.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1482.0-1484.0	1293.0-1294.0	146875	Firmer
Aluminium HI*	2710.0-2730.0	2380.0-2390.0	*11300*	*Quiet*
Nickel*	19100-19200	15300-15400	5840	Very Firm

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	90.5	89.8
Jun	91.0	91.0
Aug	91.3	91.0
Oct	94.8	94.0

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	112.5	112.5
Jun	118.5	113.5
Aug	112.0	112.0

Vol Pig-5 Cattle-0

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Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on March 23

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	68.71	195.38	108.74
GB (+/–)	-1.40	+15.28	+0.24
Eng/Wal (%)	+5.2	-0.2	+12.9
Eng/Wal (p)	68.71	195.99	108.41
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-1.40	+16.2	+0.06
Scotland (%)	n/a	+19.7	+8.9
Scotland (p)	n/a	191.89	110.12
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	+10.20	+1.00

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

March 24, 1988

The Conservative MP **Patrick Thompson** sees new challenges to industry in an economy that has been transformed

Engineering needs the skills as well as all the aggressive selling

Britain's economy has been transformed in the past 10 years. Inflation is under control and the health of industry has been restored. Productivity has been significantly improved and industrial relations have been put on a more constructive footing. As a nation we are now well poised to take advantage of rich and exciting opportunities throughout the world. As oil revenues go into relative decline, our manufacturing performance becomes increasingly important.

We need aggressive salesmanship certainly. But, above all, we need the right numbers of qualified engineers and craftsmen, better educated and trained than ever before, to meet the challenge. The importance of these requirements was recognized when the House of Commons recently held its first debate on engineering for eight years. The House decided that we need to develop engineering performance up to and above the standards of leading industries overseas.

The example of Japan as a challenge was cited by Sir Julian Ridsdale, chairman of the All-Party Group for Engineering Development. It was because of future opportunities for trade that Lord Young of Graffham carried out his recent tour, Opportunity Japan, to spearhead a sales drive by British industry.

Engineering needs an increased proportion of the next generation's brains. Able young people must be convinced that it is at least as challenging, interesting, socially useful and rewarding as careers undertaken by their peers.

Children from primary schools onwards are learning through problem-solving that engineering is fun. They are linking increasingly with industry locally and are seeing how engineers care for the environment, improve our quality and standard of life, and invent, produce and maintain advanced equipment in hospitals, for example.

One of today's problems is that only 32 per cent of our children stay on in full-time education to the age of 18. Even adding in part-time day release and the Youth Training Scheme, the figure rises to only 60 per cent. By contrast, the staying-on rate in full-time education to the age of 18 is 70 per cent in France, 85 to 90 per cent in the United States and West Germany, and a staggering 96 per cent in Japan.

If world markets go to the best educated workforce, then we have a lot of leeway to make up. Industrial success does not come from a few brilliant leaders or research boffins, but from a team effort at all levels, from the managing director down to the newest recruit and across all the functions of research, development, design, production and marketing.

As someone who has worked in education, I am as conscious as anyone of the need for a broad education that is more than just training for a job. When one sees the enthusiasm of well motivated children who feel that studies are relevant, up to date and exciting, one can understand why the Government is promoting fresh types of schools such as city technology colleges to introduce more variety and to improve standards.

Largely as a result of the Women into Science and Engineering campaign the number of women entering university and polytechnic engineering courses has risen from 7.8 per cent to more than 10 per cent in the past four years. But as women are as intellectually capable as men, there is obviously a long way to go.

Universities, too, have been improving their contacts with industry and this will continue to happen in the future. I was pleased to see recently that the Engineering Council, with the Further Education Unit, published a document arguing that companies should identify those "key technologies" that are likely to have most impact on their future business and should liaise with educational establishments so that they can make regular reviews of technology-based curricula and ensure that course content and methods of learning will be up to date.

For those who wish to succeed, education does not come to a full stop with a degree. Continuing education and training should be every individual's high priority, and it will demand its place on the boardroom agenda of every well run company. Better qualified people are needed not only in engineering itself but also in management of businesses if we are to be innovative and competitive.

A measure of the problem is that the proportion of company directors who have graduate or other professional qualifications is 24 per cent in the UK compared with 62 per cent in West Germany, 65 per cent in France, and 85 per cent in Japan and the United States.

The Engineering Council has put forward constructive proposals for incorporating business training into the normal career structures of engineers. The proposals involve, in the early years of employment, the development of good communication skills and liaison with other departments.

At a slightly higher level, in supervision and junior management, there are opportunities to motivate other people, to assess their success in meeting targets and to co-ordinate action with other groups within the firm. Many companies do not have the career planning or in-house training to enable engineers to move from their specialisms into management. There is no smooth progression from one to the other. Trained engineers tend to stay within their own expertise. Business education is seen as an unnecessary or expensive frill so far as they are concerned, and that must change.

If there is one message that the engineering industry should take from the recent engineering debate, it is that our competitors already have those bridges between professional specialists and management, whereas a sizeable proportion of our industry does not. Such links must be built internally. I do not believe that the Government can do that. I hope that people who studied the debate will recognize that the time to start is now.

We need a renaissance in this country in our attitudes to engineering and science. The media has a large responsibility and could do a lot more to promote creative activity in engineering and understanding of the issues involved.

In conclusion, engineering is crucial for economic and social progress. Engineering firms design, make and support a diverse range of electronic, electrical, optical and mechanical equipment, systems and services. New and improved engineering products and services are the main source of job creation in industries that use those products. Consequently, the importance of engineering to the economy far exceeds its direct employment or its direct contribution to the gross domestic product.

Today's employment in transport, the hotel industry, broadcasting, the entertainment industry and in financial and information services originates from yesterday's engineering innovations. Therefore, tomorrow's jobs in the service industries will depend crucially on new hardware and tools being developed today by engineering.

The Department of Trade and Industry has a new name — the Department for Enterprise — and a new logo. Perhaps that signals a new era for engineering enterprise in this country so that we can compete and succeed to the benefit of all, especially our young people who need the challenge that engineering and creativity can offer.

Patrick Thompson, MP for Norwich North, proposed the Private Member's motion on the engineering industry on March 11

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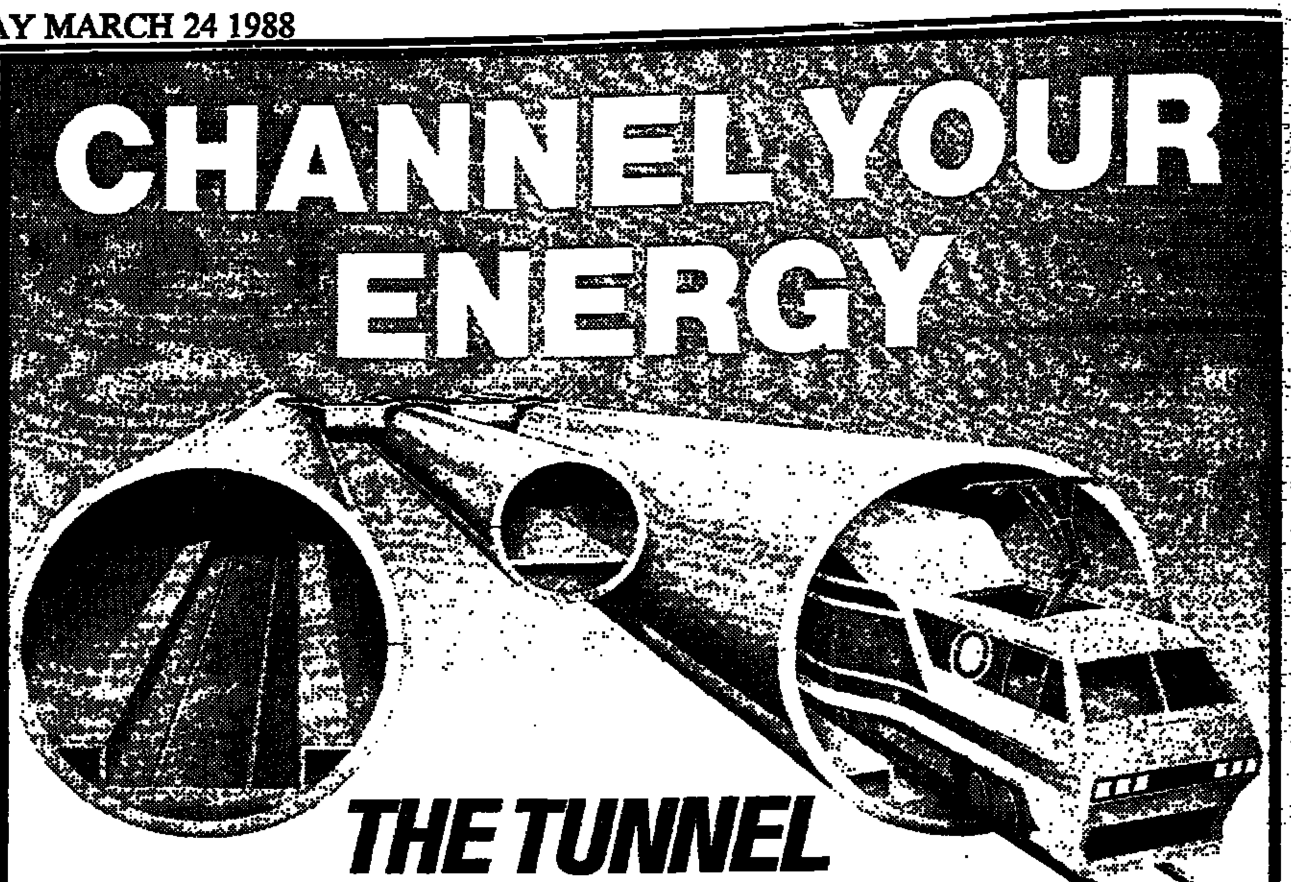

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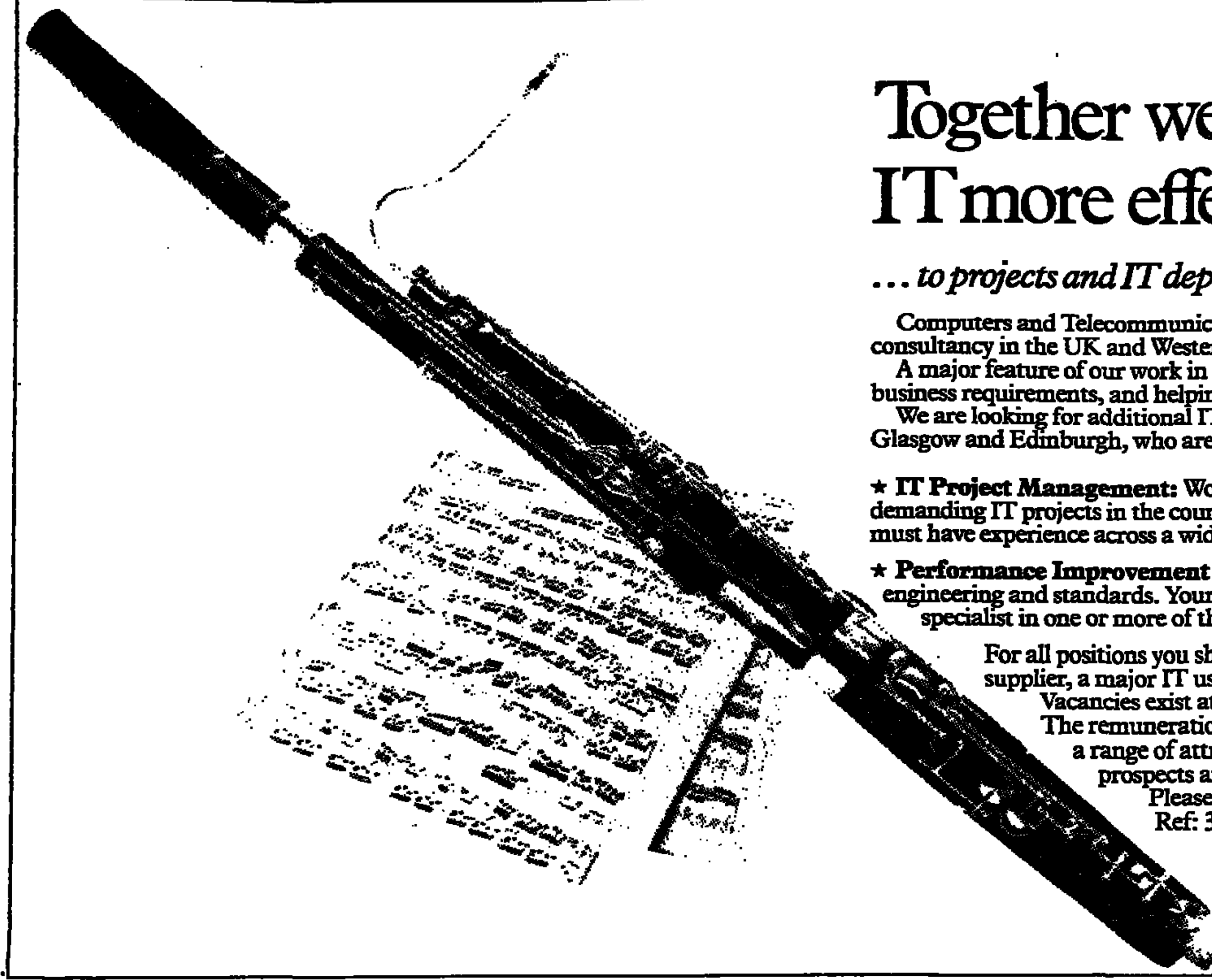

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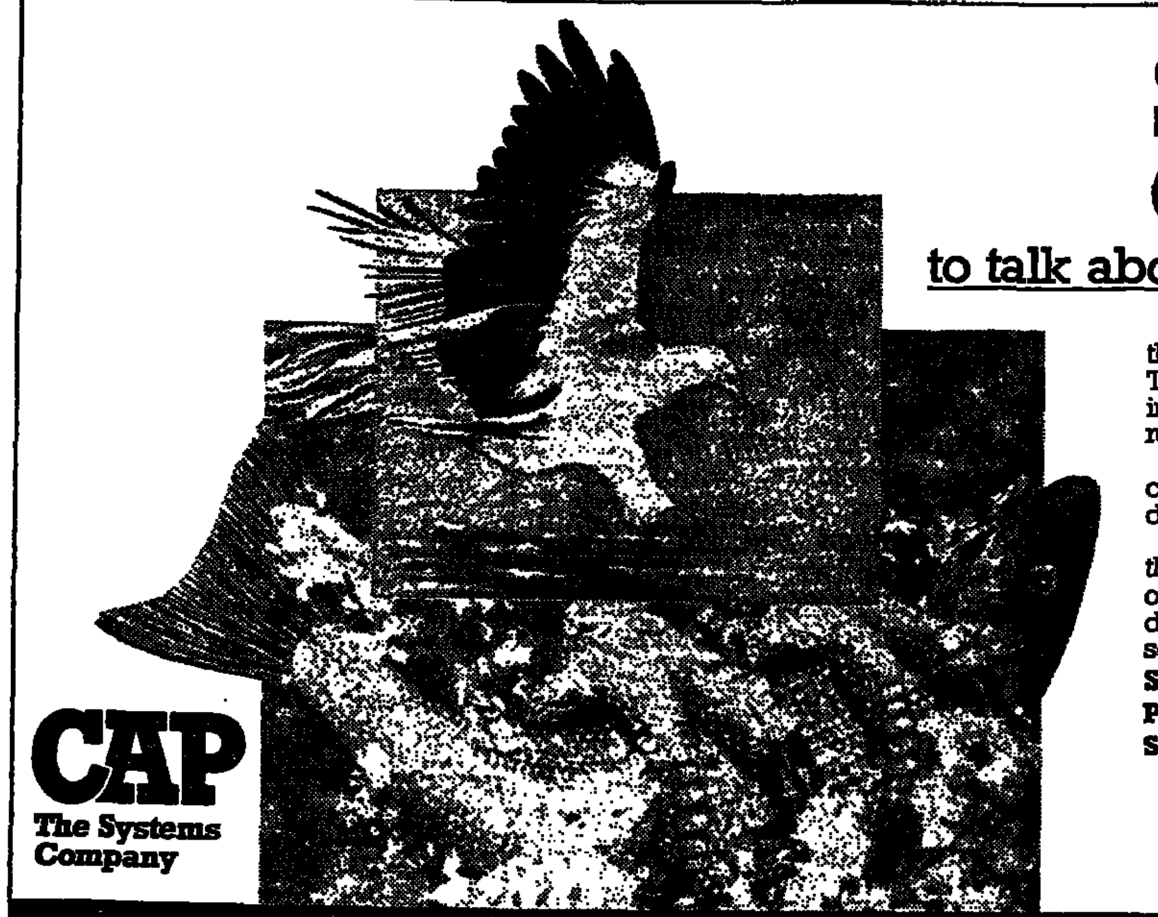

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An Australian journalist's view of our news training

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I celebrated Thanksgiving for the first time on the last Thursday in November. The turkey and vegetables prepared by one of the Americans in our class were eagerly eaten by the same group, giving the meal an international flavour.

That's part of the magic of studying overseas with foreign students — the sharing of traditions, cultures and ideas. All of the 17 students, of which I am one, studying for a Master's degree in journalism at the University College, Cardiff, are working journalists in their own country. We work for newspapers, news agencies, magazines, television and radio in Sweden, Switzerland, the United States, Greece, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Tanzania and Australia.

The course is a blend of theory and practical journalism; a balance of academic lectures and student seminars, which draw on our background, problems and knowledge, within the framework of our country's media.

But with any overseas experience, I think it is the people who you remember more clearly, not the buildings or hillsides. Likewise with this year's study. Obviously, our appreciation of the British media will depend enormously, and our media knowledge will expand, through reading books, attending lectures and writing essays. But after the bound thesis has started to gather dust on the bookshelf at home and the framed university parchment which hung prominently in the study has been replaced with a photograph of the grandchildren, it will be the people on the course and the shared experiences which will be remembered — not the actual work.

Perhaps for a journalist that's not a bad thing. The more diverse my experience, the wider my perspective will be. The university terms are for teaching, certainly, but not for temperance. It's a year of travelling, talking and tackling our profession.

We have been both enlightened and amazed at how cosy is the relationship between government and the British media. After studying the lobby system, some of our class from socialist countries — whose media is government-run — have remarked on the close similarities between their system of reporting and Britain's, which is supposedly a free press.

We overseas journalists concluded that the media here is not critical enough of government, especially in newspapers. There is not the uneasiness in the relationship which is common to other countries. For example, in Australia, *newspapers have run strong campaigns* against the government on its assets test proposal, fringe benefits tax and capital gains legislation. British broadcasters seem to have a more firm adherence to impartiality while newspapers have a warm disposition towards Mrs Thatcher's Government.

Britain moves slowly and secretively. Apart from government obsession with official secrets (Tisdall, Ponting, Zircon and Peter Wright) in recent years, British people often keep to themselves, anyway. Perhaps it is something to do with the climate, which makes people huddle under a rug to keep warm. Less of their bodies are physically exposed, making it harder for them to expose their personalities.

British ingrained secrecy and deference come as a shock to young Commonwealth media trainees, who nevertheless prize the experiences and tuition gained at our colleges, says **David Crocker**

My classmates and I, who come from more dynamic countries, have been frustrated with university and halls of residence bureaucracy, the inability of bus drivers to give change for a fare, the closure of post offices at lunchtime, and the inevitable queuing for everything from telephone calls, returning library books to selecting supper at a Ritzy ball.

Many of my classmates, while not having to finance the £3,690 tuition fee from their own pockets, have made enormous sacrifices by leaving husbands, wives and children at home. *Many of us had* never been to Britain before, nor been away from home for Christmas, nor seen snow.

Acclimatizing to the country, customs and frequency of queues has been as much of a problem as changing my writing style to fit in with academia. It's no good writing a colour feature story for a 2,500-word essay. The examiner wants facts, footnotes and bibliography — not *fancy phrases and breakout pieces.* Academic writing is a style on its own and many in my class are not too familiar with it.

Brian Wilson, a former Cardiff journalism student, now a Scottish MP, spoke to us on his experiences in establishing an independent weekly newspaper and the gains he made in *doing something radical with his journalism.* Professor John Tebbel, formerly of New York University, spoke on the US press and its relationship to the President.

The White House press rooms, including one built over Jimmy Carter's disused swimming pool, have a staff of 500, churning out a 24-hour wire service. Professor Tebbel exposed the extent of the president's propaganda machine and how journalists, acting as public relations staff, stage manage all the president's public appearances. I felt disturbed. The American system of government, which embraced television politics with open arms, has ended up with the inevitable — an actor playing the part of a president.

The course work, which covers the first two terms, includes study into British society and the mass media since 1945, theoretical approaches to mass communications studies and the global context of mass media

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This postgraduate degree course is designed for working journalists. The university, quite sensibly, recognizes that many senior journalists do not have a first degree. University regulations permit students who have sufficient experience as a journalist and are older than 30 to be awarded the master's degree in journalism studies.

My reference to the value of travelling as opposed to teaching is not to undermine the value of the instruction or the instructors at University College. It is important that we pass this course. Careers may depend on it. High expectations of employers and, in some Third World countries, governments would be terribly deflated if a degree did not result at the end of the one-year course.

I believe the value of what is learnt from text books must be balanced by what is gained over a quiet ale with a fellow journalist who comes halfway round the world and works in a different media system from me.

Learning from him the problems of government censorship, production and distribution of his media may be just as useful as reading about it in a library book. The two forms of learning must complement each other.

For many of us, this year will be our last chance, possibly forever, to travel extensively in Britain and the Continent. It is an opportunity I do not want to pass me by.

● *David Crocker is studying for a Master's degree at University College, Cardiff.*

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K J BARKER - Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
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No: 007412 of 1987
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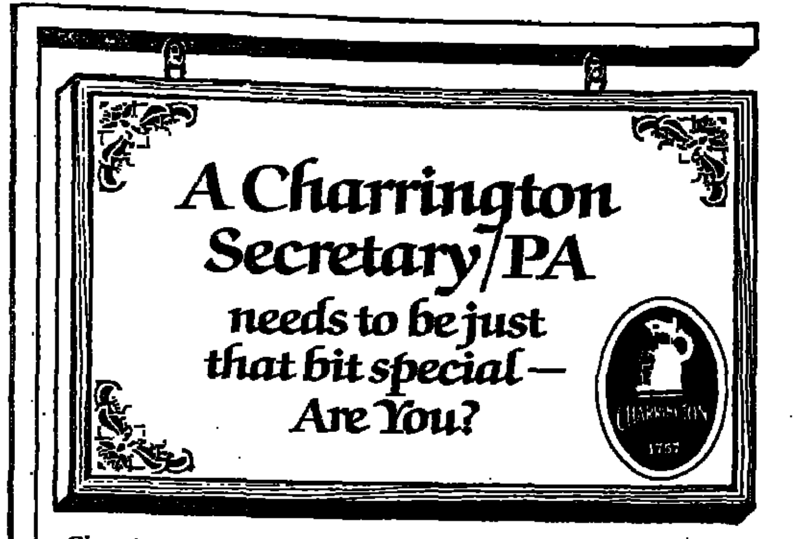

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BOXING

Smile that says it all for a champion

By George Ace

Billy Chams, manager of Fidel Bassa, the unbeaten World Boxing Association flyweight champion, is, by his own admission, something of a rookie in boxing management. "Like Fidel I am still learning," he says. That he is learning fast is evident.

Chams employs 11 boxers in his multiple store in Barranquilla, Colombia. Four are amateurs and he has high hopes two of them will make the Olympics. "It is good for my business," he says.

Chams's immediate concern is that Bassa secures a third meeting with Hilario Zapata, the former champion from Panama. To make that possible Bassa must defeat Dave McAuley, from Larne, at the King's Hall, Belfast on Saturday, a feat he achieved last April at the same arena with a thirteenth round knockout.

"There are two contracts related to this fight. The first is that the winner must defend his title within 60 days against Zapata; the second is, if Bassa loses he will meet the winner of the McAuley-Zapata fight," Chams disclosed.

"I do not envisage the second contract having to be acted upon," he said with a smile, "but if I have learned anything about managing boxers it is that you cannot be too careful and always make sure you read the small print."

Chams is a quiet-spoken, sincere young man with aready smile, who looks out of place in the high-powered world of professional boxing. But he is nobody's fool. He admits that Bassa faces a difficult task on Saturday but emphatically denies Bassa has, or ever has had, weight problems.

"We had no qualms about coming to Belfast and the only reason I sought a postponement from the original February 27 date was because Fidel damaged his left knee in training," he said. "I think it is a better fight for Fidel than Zapata."

Warm-up urged for Bruno

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Mickey Duff, the London promoter, is to hold talks in New York soon with Mike Tyson's joint manager, Bill Cayton, about Frank Bruno's challenge for the world heavyweight championship at Wembley Stadium on September 3. Bruno, who has been reported to be wanting £2.5 million, will be told that he can expect no more than £1 million.

"We hope to close the deal," Cayton said. "We are good friends and I am sure there will be a meeting of minds. But if Bruno insists on more than £1 million Tyson will want more and there may not be enough money."

If the deal fell through, Cayton says that Tyson would meet Francesco Damiani, of Italy, in San Siro Stadium, Milan on September 3.

While not making it a condition, Cayton said it would be as well for Bruno to have a bout with someone in the top 10 before challenging Tyson. "Television will want a fight that will go more than seven rounds against Tyson. I think they would want Bruno to have a fight first so as to guarantee big value. I would want it to be a good warm-up fight."

Tyson is to see the International Boxing Federation next month to explain why his corner carried only the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association belts to the ring when he defended against Tony Tubbs. The president of IBF, Robert Lee, said: "It is our turn to be in charge of the Tyson-Spinks fight and all we want is an assurance from Tyson that he still regards himself as IBF champion."

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Pride, energy and judgement have enabled the United Arab Emirates Defence Minister to strike oil in racing

When hot passion rules over money

Sheikh Bin Rashid Al Maktoum gives Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, an insight into how he has become leading owner three times in 11 years

The swooping raider of European tracks: Sheikh Mohammed watches his first love, camel racing, in Dubai. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

The love of animals and a fierce personal pride are the motivating forces behind Sheikh Mohammed as the Defence Minister of the United Arab Emirates attempts to become Britain's leading owner for the fourth time when the Flat racing season starts at Doncaster this afternoon.

When asked whether he had shouted any of his 126 winners home last season, the bearded Sheikh replied: "Certainly I cheer them inside here," putting his hand on his dark robed chest.

Last year was a bumper year for the now famous maroon and white colours which were first carried to victory in Britain by Hatta in a minor race at Brighton 11 years ago. Indian Skimmer, Unite, Soviet Star and Ajdal followed – all three-year-old champions; the first three numbering four classic wins among their 12 victories and and Ajdal being leading British sprinter.

Sheikh Bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the third son of the ruler of Dubai, one of the five Arab Emirates. A medium-sized athlete of about 38, the Sheikh's direct gaze watched my approach at the camel racing track, a few miles from the city. Wearing a brown dish dash and a white headdress, he was seated in the pagoda-like stand. Everyone rose when he did and said: "Hello stranger."

The day starts early in the 80F heat and the first race was at 7.15 a. m. A strong wind blew across the desert and the camels were silhouetted against the rising sun. Behind the stands, scores of camels squatted patiently waiting their turn to race. Lean and sinewy Bedouins hurried about their business, looking as preoccupied and purposeful as trainers the world over. The jockeys are 10-year-olds, some wearing the colours familiar to British race-goers of Sheikh Mohammed and his brothers, Maktoum Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince, and Sheikh Hamdan.

Sheikh Mohammed is known as the action man in the sibling rivalry. That evening, he took his European trainers to inspect the racing camels before a ride into the desert and a barbecue that finished at 3.30 a. m. It seemed a normal routine as John Leat, the Sheikh's personal assistant for 17 years and Anthony Stroud, the racing manager, and I were summoned to Sheikh Mohammed's guarded sports club at 7.45.

The entrance hall was decorated in midnight blue and gold, with a picture of Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, the brothers' father and the driving force behind the modernization of the oil rich Emirates, taking pride of place. The Sheikh's lunchtime and evening *Majilis*, where he is available to anyone who wants to see him, takes place at his father's Zaabil Palace. Now we waited in the leisure room of the sports club, equipped with a bar. Through an open door was a gym, with a ping-pong table and a badminton net; through another a martial arts room. "It's enormous," Leat said. "There are also shooting ranges for rifles and revolvers, a full-sized gymnasium, a cinema and floodlit tennis courts." Sheikh Mohammed is a tennis fanatic and the availability of a court is one of the criteria by which he judges a hotel.

The previous evening the Sheikh had pointed out the ideal conformation for a racing camel to horse men of the calibre of Henry Cecil, Michael Stoute, Luca Cumani, André Fabre and David O'Brien. "My friends know very little about camels," he said, "so I was trying to point out, just like with the horse, what they need. Look at a camel or a horse or a saluki or a falcon or even a flamingo. Look for what's inside the body; look if he's athletic and if he uses himself."

The Sheikh has always clearly enjoyed the cut and thrust of the international sales. "I'm trying very hard to learn, but it's not easy. You can't do it all on a 1-10 points system. If you could, we'd all be trying to buy the same horse." What sometimes seems an over-lavish spending of tens of millions of pounds at the yearling auctions always excited public comment, yet the Sheikh makes no apologies.

"We wanted to establish ourselves and compete," he said. "I enjoy it and it gives me pleasure. We are new people coming into this industry and unless you pay higher than the normal market, you don't succeed."

The logic is inescapable. The Aga Khan, Europe's most powerful owner-breeder, is the third generation of his family to be involved in the sport. And he has the back-up of the Baussac and Dupre empires to complement his own bloodline.

To breed high class racehorses in a short space of time is no easy task. And despite his growing band of quality brood mares and the availability of top stallions, all the owner's stars of 1987 were purchased at public auction. Those factors made Oh So Sharp's capture of the Fillies Triple Crown his proudest moment. "It is a very special feeling to have bred something yourself. And it was also very special watching Ajdal do himself justice as a sprinter when everyone thought he was a failure."

Of Sheikh Mohammed's two-year-olds last season, Reprimand and Dimuendo are his principal hopes in the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas. Reprimand, an impressive winner of the Gimcrack Stakes, is reported to have wintered well. Cecil's colt is expected to pose a live threat to Warning in the Classic. Dimuendo, an unbeaten winner of her four races, including the Hoover Fillies' Mile at Ascot, is also sure to test the merit of Ravinella, the French champion in the 1,000, while Indian Skimmer provided one of the supreme moments of the European season by beating Miesque in the Prix de Diane (the French Open). Unfortunately she developed muscular problems in her back after June. Cecil, one of Sheikh Mohammed's 14 European trainers, reports the filly to be looking burly and hard.

"Henry is going to keep her to 10 furlongs at the start of the season," Michael Heaton-Ellis, the assistant racing manager, said, "but now that she's a year older, he hopes she's going to stay a mile-and-a-half, which would be very exciting." At Chantilly, Soviet Star is one of over 50 horses that Andre Fabre trains for the Sheikh. Last season Soviet Star won the French 2,000 Guineas and the Classic Stakes at Goodwood. "He's the best horse I've ever trained," the trainer said, "he'll probably start the season at Sandown in April."

Both at the camel races and at meetings in Britain, it is obvious how much the Sheikh relishes the occasion. "But it's not just the races. It's to see the trainers, watch the work and talk to the lads. I just want to be myself," the most powerful man in British racing said. "I have four sons and they are very naughty. Of course I want them to grow up to enjoy camel and horse racing. But I'm not rushing them."

Sheikh Mohammed's interest in horse racing after leaving a college in Cambridge was triggered by Colonel Dick Warden, when he ran a stand for the Curragh Bloodstock Agency in Dubai in 1975. "We went to Dublin and stayed at the Shelbourne Hotel, the night after part it was blown up," Leat says. "The Sheikh bought Edwina Hunt and a few others, but he took them back to Dubai. So the next year Dick took him back and bought Hatta and Haadfan for John Dunlop. That was the start."

Now he has 350 horses in training and about 150 brood mares. The priceless stallions at Dalham Hall, some of which are owned in partnership with Khalid Abdulla, the Aga Khan and Louis Freedman comprise Ajdal, Dancing Brave, Reference Point, Shareef Dancer and Top Ville.

Stroud says: "Sheikh Mohammed has no wish to dominate racing. He just loves the sport in Britain. He stands all his horses over here. Don't forget he's spent a lot of money, so we have to try and make the racing pay. So he sells or syndicates his stallions. Of course, there's a certain amount of resentment. But it can't be helped."

Leat concurs: "Above all, Sheikh Mohammed likes to do things well. He's very energetic, but as far as the stallions are concerned, don't forget he also stands a lot of comparatively inexpensive ones, like Local Suitor, Jalmood, Head For Heights, Sure Blade, Miller's Mate, and others at various studs. They offer a cheap way into the best blood."

Two years ago Sheikh Mohammed startled the racing world by setting up the *Racing Post* as a rival to the *Sporting Life*. Brough Scott, recently appointed the editorial director, said: "*The Life* was going badly and he wanted to ensure a trade paper for the sport. He is dedicated to providing a quality paper to serve the racing and bloodstock industries."

Sheikh Mohammed is clearly mega-rich and a somewhat impatient perfectionist. However, the over-riding impression is of a benevolent but urgent autocrat, who enjoys the great game of life to the full. He also loves his country and family, his fellow human beings, his camels and above all . . . the race horses that have helped restore British racing to a position of pre-eminence.

TABLE TENNIS

Silver medals are spur to England's avengers

From Richard Eaton, Paris

England's finest European championships performance, going close to the gold medal in the final of the team event late on Tuesday night, has raised hopes of further heroics when the individual competition begins here today.

By taking title-holders Sweden to 5-3 in a truly magnificent match, Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke and Carl Prean have gained a new respect for English table tennis and added confidence in their own ability. By some quirks of fate some fascinating revenge encounters are in prospect in the individual competition.

If Prean, the National Top Twelve champion, can make his way through two rounds – as he should – he may have another match with Eric Lindh, the European No. 2. Prean was England's most successful player in the team event, with 13 wins out of 17.

In his game in the final against Lindh, with the match score against Sweden at 3-3, Prean was level at 15-15 in the final game, and the 6,000crowd showing considerable excitement.

Douglas ought to have a third-round meeting with Boris Rozenburg, the No. 2 from the Soviet Union who upset Douglas in the opening match of the team semi-final.

Cooke, the English national champion,may also be itching to get even, though for him, that will be particularly difficult. Cooke should play Lars Hauth of Denmark and the Czechoslovak, Tomas Janci, neither of whom are easy, and then the Soviet No. 1, Andrei Mazunov, who won the Joola Trophy for the best record in the team event, with 15 victories.

RESULTS: Men: Final: Sweden bt England 5-3 (Swedish names first): J Persson bt D Douglas, 21-15, 21-12; J-O Waldner lost to C Prean, 13-21, 5-21; E Lindh bt A Cooke 21-18, 21-9; Persson bt Prean, 11-21, 21-15, 21-18; Lindh lost to Douglas, 18-21, 15-21; Waldner lost to Cooke, 18-21, 18-21; Lindh bt Prean, 21-13, 10-21, 21-16; Persson bt Cooke, 21-18, 21-11. **Final positions:** 1, Sweden; 2, England; 3, Soviet Union. **Others included:** 21, Wales; 22, Scotland.**Women: Final:** Soviet Union bt Czechoslovakia 3-1. **Final placings:** 1, Soviet Union; 2, Czechoslovakia; 3, Netherlands. **Others included:** 8, England; 21, Scotland; 25, Ireland; 26, Wales.

STUDENT SPORT

Swansea's men are top again

By Yuri Matischen

Swansea University retained the men's British Universities and Universities Athletic Union long course swimming championships held at the Walsall Gala Baths.

Duncan Rolley, of Swansea, won the Bobby McGregor Award for the best swim with his performance in the 220 yards breaststroke of 2min 23.71sec. He also won the 110 yards breaststroke (1:08.15) and the 220 yards butterfly (2:08.37).

Loughborough University women retained the British University's title by a single point (78) from Nottingham University (77). Julie Wilmot recorded the best swim in winning the 110 yards freestyle (1:00.80) and the 220 yards freestyle (2:11.31) for Loughborough.

In the small unversities championships Bath University won the men's and women's UAU championships, the men being spearheaded by Jonathan Bradley.

In the diving championships Allan Parkes, of Cardiff University, won the BUSF and UAU High Board competititons with a total of 145.40 points from Philip Stone, of Liverpool with 143.35.

The women's competition was comprehensively won by Sheila Morrison, of Cardiff University, with 233.55 points and Morrison also won the springboard competition.

SPORTS LETTERS

Twickenham spectators fenced in at a cost

From Mr David A. Tandy

Sir, I read the report by David Hands about fencing at Twickenham (March 8) with concern.

As an Englishman visiting Dublin for the Ireland v Wales match I found it most refreshing to see the response to the one isolated violent incident that occurred early in the first half: anger from both sets of supporters that such an incident occurred because they had come to watch what was billed as one of the best matches of the season for open rugby and the players were heavily criticized by the crowd.

The atmosphere between both countries' supporters was quite exemplary, and when talking to taxi drivers they stated what a pleasure it was always to have the rugby supporters in Dublin as they never had problems despite what might occur on the pitch.

If one had fenced those supporters as animals I wonder what would have happened. Your correspondent quotes the excellent facilities at Parc des Princes, which has room for a moat and fencing, but which also has seating throughout and spectators are treated as human beings.

Twickenham has appalling facilities for those true rugby watchers, not the new seating in the debenture seats. You fence them in, gentlemen, at the cost to rugby and if there are slight blemishes on the pitch from people walking on it, so be it. One of my greatest moments was at the age of 14 walking with my father on the turf and the sheer thrill should not be denied. What harm does it do and what joy does it create?

If the authorities in the home countries are prepared to provide facilities appropriate for the Eighties and Nineties, as in France, no real problems would occur, but just to stop the enthusiasm of the honest supporter will only frustrate and cause antagonism and aggravation. This could easily spill out over those terraces and create an even more difficult atmosphere for the rugby watcher. Look what has happened to football.

I remain,
DAVID A. TANDY,
(President, Kidderminster Carolians RFC).
Woodeaves, Wribbenhall,
Bewdley, Worcestershire.
March 15.

From Mr Michael J. Gould

Sir, At Twickenham after the England v Wales game on January 30 a huge roar of approval greeted the announcement that Scotland had defeated France at Murrayfield that afternoon. On Saturday last an even greater roar acclaimed the news that France had beaten Wales at Cardiff.

As a fervent English supporter and one who joined in both expressions of delight could any of your readers, in the interests of a truly united United Kingdom, please explain?

Yours faithfully,
M.J. GOULD,
White Horse Cottage,
Mill Lane,
Timsbury,
Bath, Avon.
March 21.

Risk of injury

From Mr Alfred Manders

Sir, In recent international rugby matches two incidents occurred which could have caused serious injury. In the first, a Welsh forward held his arm rigidly in front of him, battering English forwards out of the way; in the second, the Scottish centre suddenly raised his knees at the moment the Englishman was committed to the head-on tackle. Neither incident was penalized; the Welshman was even praised.

Either action could have caused a severe neck injury to the unsuspecting opponent and they were certainly illegal acts when I was taught the game.

No doubt many schoolboys will now employ similar tactics when they have the ball – unless the Rugby Football Union ensures that both the letter and the spirit of the laws are applied.

Yours faithfully,
A. MANDERS,
Laurel House,
Evesham Street,
Alcester, Warwickshire.
March 15.

Shameful display

From Mr Ken Thomas

Sir, I applaud your cricket correspondent's article (March 14) concerning the ethics and effects of players behaving as England's did in the recent Christchurch match.

I attended the last day of the Test match on that ground. I then felt strongly that on at least one occasion the blatantly aggressive attitude of the English team towards the umpire in appealing for a decision amounted to intimidation of the umpire, who, after considerable delay, decided against the batsman.

Frankly, the behaviour of the English team in the field made me feel ashamed of my nationality. Much firmer action by the cricket authorities is imperative if the nature of this once fair and gentlemanly game is not to become changed beyond recognition.

Yours,
KEN THOMAS,
Cranleigh,
206 Exeter Road,
Exmouth, Devon.

From Mr Martyn Beckett

Sir, Reporting on some undistinguished fare between England and New Zealand at Christchurch, Alan Lee quotes a "recent Test captain" (March 14) as muttering that the standard of play put him in mind of Old Reptonians. Mr Lee had the grace to say that he thought this something of an insult to a decent old boys' team.

Since when, indeed, did Old Reptonians serve up "a diet of full tosses" or treat catches as "hot potatoes"? I have seldom seen them "slog the ball straight to fielders", let alone "gaily". Come to think of it, who is this recent Test captain? And were the Reptonians batting or fielding?

Yours faithfully,
MARTYN BECKETT,
Stone Edge,
Stanedge Road,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

A special look

From Mr Stanley Alderson

Sir, Within the Government's major review of sport and recreation in the inner cities (March 22) will the group responsible take a special look at Oxford and Cambridge, with especial reference to the extensive facilities of the University and college playing fields, boat clubs, tennis courts, etc. (normally used by undergraduates for only six months in the year) compared with the rest of these communities?

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY ALDERSON,
7 Highfild Avenue,
Cambridge.

Open to abuse

From Mr Michael Waudby

Sir, If the reports (March 15) on future action by the Jockey Club regarding excessive use of the whip are to be accepted, I feel the problems we have encountered are likely to pale into insignificance compared with future "hurdles".

The maxim "if it offends the eye" is, I believe, open to widespread misinterpretation and abuse. Offends whose eye? The stewards' (who already take a large amount of criticism for their decisions in these cases), the general public (95 per cent of whom have probably never sat on a horse, let alone tried to ride a finish on one) or, perhaps, that well known legal person, "the reasonable man"?

What offends one is likely to be "poetry in motion" to another. The art of riding with the whip involves a variety of skills of which least among them is the deliberate and repeated application of it to a horse's quarters. Decisions and sentences are likely to be inconsistent and this will only lead to a decreased respect for the stewards as impartial arbitrators.

The refusal no longer to consider veterinary evidence seems to be another action which will only make clear and consistent judgements more difficult to reach. It is the same as refusing to draw conclusions from forensic evidence in a criminal prosecution.

While I, like many racing enthusiasts, feel that something should be done to control excessive use of the whip, the criteria which seem bound to be adopted by the Jockey Club are surely not the answer.

The answer? Professional stewards.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WAUDBY,
33 Market Place,
South Cave,
Brough, East Yorkshire.
March 16.

Disgrace of Wembley

From Mr Roy Bland

Sir, Can nothing be done to improve Wembley Stadium?

I was there to see England Under-15 play Brazil. As always, I was appalled at the shabbiness of the place and at the absence of decent services and facilities.

If food is to be sold, why can't it be done with a little colour and style? Why is there nowhere to eat in comfort? Why are there so few litter receptacles? Isn't it possible to apply some paint to walls?

Wembley is our national stadium. Must it also be a national disgrace?

Yours faithfully,
ROY BLAND,
5 Bellair Terrace,
St Ives, Cornwall.

Brazilian blues

From Senhor Milton C. Da Graca

Sir, The Brazilian "under-15" team have lost two games to their English counterpart, but it should be said that, thanks to the traditional chaos in the Brazilian Football Confederation, the invitation by the Football Association was misunderstood. All the boys in the squad were born in 1973, although the invitation mentioned 1972. As a result, Brazilians are facing teams (in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and The Netherlands as well) one year older.

At this point of their development, it is a big difference, especially considering that, in the average, even at the same age, English boys are taller and stronger than Brazilians.

They also arrived here with inadequate shoes, because the Confederation "forgot" that they would play in cold and rainy weather. By the way, most of these boys had never known a temperature below 15°C and had never played for more than 100 spectators.

Therefore, do not take these games as an anticipation of the "under-16" world championship in Scotland, next year. This same Brazilian team will be playing against young English and other British boys. If Ladbrokes and Vernons do not read this letter, I'll make a fortune.

MILTON C. DA GRACA,
13a Victoria Cottages,
Kew Gardens, Surrey.

Sport was free

From Mr John Bratby, RA

Sir, Regarding Zola Budd, whose career may end because of political pressure, what has become of sport?

Politics and steroid drugs have no place in sport. Those elements reduce sport.

When I was young sport was free, glorious and heroic.

Is it now?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BRATBY,
The Cupola and Tower of the Winds,
Belmont Road,
Hastings, East Sussex.
March 15.

FISHING

Trout that jump in the fryer

By Conrad Voss Bark

Some American dry fly fisherman on a pilgrimage to the Hampshire chalk streams have complained about what they call the artificial nature of the fishing, especially in the Test where most of the trout come from hatcheries.

The Test is the birthplace of dry fly fishing and the Americans are disappointed to find it is full of fish farm trout.

In the United States the rivers have wild fish, which are difficult to deceive, especially where fish have been returned to the water several times. American catch-and-release fishing is altogether different from our system.

On the Test and many other chalk streams the policy is for a fisherman to kill, say four fish, on every visit. At that rate the river would soon be denuded unless more were put in.

The hatchery fish are used to pellet food, are largely ignorant about natural insects and will take almost any artificial fly.

Very often hatchery trout are stocked at about a weight of 2lb, stay in the river for a very short time and are then captured having put on no more than an ounce or so. Americans are surprised at the easy way these trout are taken.

However, regulars on the chalk streams are quite happy. They are more or less sure of several plump well-conditioned fish to take home without worrying unduly which fly to tie on.

So far as I know there is only one fishery on the Test at Kimbridge, where catch and release is practised. Only one trout taken may be *killed*.

The result has been that the trout there have become educated and very small flies indeed, sizes 18 to 22, are perhaps the only hope of taking a fish. There is no sign of the policy spreading.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough v Hayes; Wokingham v Leyton-Wingate.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Southport v Goole.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Indoor county matches: Essex v Sussex (at Barking); Northamptonshire v Buckinghamshire (at Wellingborough).

BOXING: Tournament: York Hall, Bethnal Green.

GOLF: Sunningdale foursomes.

HOCKEY: British Universities Sports Federation tournament (at Morfa Stadium, Swansea).

SNOOKER: Embassy World championship: Preliminary rounds (at Preston).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Oxford v Cradley; Challenge: Ipswich v Wolverhampton; Tour match: Sheffield v Getingama.

SPORT ON TV

ICE SKATING: BBC2 3 p.m. BBC 10 p.m. C4 5 p.m. ITV 11.05 p.m.: World figure championships: Men's short programme and ice dance free programme from Budapest.

RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Doncaster.

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RACING: CAUTHEN AND EDDERY POISED TO LAND OPENING DAY DOUBLES

Vague Shot should start in style

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Having treated us to that memorable tussle for the jockeys' championship last year, Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery now look like starting off in the same successful vein at Doncaster today by each landing a double.

First blood should go to Cauthen on Domelexta (2.40) and Vague Shot (4.10) with Eddery countering by winning on Just Jennings (3.40) and Lavrosky (5.15).

Last year, Cauthen clinched the title on the final day of the season at Doncaster by riding Vague Discretion to victory for Newmarket trainer Robert Williams.

Now, he returns to Town Moor and, riding for the same trainer, has anything but a vague chance of winning the Racing Post Mile, the day's most valuable race, on Vague Shot.

On the last day of the corresponding meeting last year, Vague Shot finished second in the Lincoln Handicap with Cauthen aboard. That was a most creditable performance considering that he was drawn on what now appears to be the less favoured side of the course when the going is soft.

There is no cause for concern as far as the draw is concerned this afternoon because there are only eight runners.

Later in the season the draw was kinder to Cauthen and Vague Shot because it certainly helped them to win the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot. As the going was as soft that day as it will be at Doncaster this afternoon, he should be in his element.

At or anywhere near that best, Vague Shot should be capable of dealing with today's opposition and he is my nap.

Cauthen can begin the defence of his title well by winning the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes on Domelexta, a colt by Dominion who has been well prepared for the occasion by Paul Kelleway.

Eddery can counter first by winning the *Raceform Handicap Book* Handicap on Just Jennings, whose form at Kempton, Brighton and Epsom in the early part of last season still stands up under close inspection.

At the end of the programme the former champion jockey would appear to have an even better chance of winning the Go Racing in Yorkshire Magazine Maiden Stakes on Lavrosky, who managed to be placed in all his races last season, most notably when runner-up to Free Fact at Newmarket.

As far as the Bertie Bassett Handicap is concerned, it could pay to take a chance with **Bold Rex**, a previous winner of the November Handicap over this same course and distance, who will have been sharpened for the occasion by that nice run over hurdles at Windsor four weeks ago.

On the jumping front, **Hypnosis** can resume winning ways in Taunton's County Properties Free Valuation Novices' Chase after finding Royal Stag too hot to handle at Sandown.

All part of the service

Two important improvements have been made to our racecards from today. Long handicap weights are introduced and the "days since last outing" feature has been amended to provide additional information.

Long handicap weights will enable readers to tell at a glance which horses on the minimum weight (usually 7st 7lb on the Flat and 10 stone over jumps) are carrying more than their true handicap weight, and how much more.

Our "days since last outing" feature has been changed so that the figure now indicates the time since the horse last *ran* under any code. Where the horse's latest outing was under the *opposite code to its current race* the figure will carry a "J" (jumps) or "F" (Flat).

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.40 Domelexta.
3.10 Bold Rex.
3.40 Just Jennings.
4.10 **VAGUE SHOT** (nap).
4.45 Cheerful Times.
5.15 Lavrosky.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.40 **DOMELEXTA** (nap).
3.10 King Tefkros.
3.40 Isla Bridge.
4.10 Vague Shot.
4.45 Ci Siamo.
5.15 Big Red.

By Michael Seely

3.10 King Tefkros. *3.40* Great Chaddington. *4.10* **VAGUE SHOT** (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 **VAGUE SHOT**.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure *form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified).* Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft **Draw advantage: doubtful**

2.40 PHILIP CORNES BROCKLESBY STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,012: 5f) (12 runners) C4

2 (10) CARRY ON CARY (Mrs P Sands) R Stubbs 8-11 ...... D Nicholls —
3 (3) CREEKER (Rhodabourne Ltd) C Wall 8-11 ...... P Hamblett —
4 (12) DALE PARK (Full Circle Thoroughbreds D Plc) N Tinkler 8-11 ...... Kim Tinkler —
6 (2) DENHAM GREEN (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-11 ...... J H Brown —
7 (9) DOMELEXTA (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-11 ...... S Cauthen —
8 (8) EMSLEYS CHOICE (V J Emsley Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-11 ...... S Whitworth —
10 (4) GENEROUSITY GEM (B Symonds) R Holder 8-11 ...... J Reid —
11 (11) HAMBLEDON LAD (J Cook) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 ...... W R Swinburn —
13 (6) OUTSTANDING BILL (J Hibbitt) J Jefferson 8-11 ...... W Newnes —
14 (1) PETORINO (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-11 ...... S Perks —
15 (5) PREVAILING WIND (Crescent UK Ltd) M Brittain 8-11 ...... M Wigham —
17 (7) SHARP STEVEN (Mrs A Gelvanoni) J Berry 8-11 ...... J Carroll (5) —

BETTING: 5-4 Domelexta, 7-2 Sharp Steven, 4-1 Hambledon Lad, 8-1 Denham Green, 10-1 Creeker, 12-1 Prevailing Wind, 14-1 others.

1987: GREAT CHADDINGTON 2-8-4 J Carroll (16-1) J Berry 15 ran

CREEKER is by Creetown, a high class sprinter noted for his speed influence.
DENHAM GREEN is by Dominion who sired the most number of winners in Britain last season, including Classic Ruler.
DOMELEXTA is another by Dominion and there plenty of speed on the dam's side as well.
GENEROUSITY GEM is by second season sire Bustem who made a good start last year, siring six *juvenile winners.*
PETORINO, by Michael Stoute's classy sprinter Petorious, looks sharp enough on paper.
PREVAILING WIND, trained by Mel Brittain who invariably has his string well forward, is by first season sire Night Shift, a son of Northern Dancer who did all his racing in the States.
SHARP STEVEN should live up to his name as he is a full brother to Singing Steven, a multiple juvenile winner.
Selection: PETORINO

3.10 BERTIE BASSETT HANDICAP (£3,480: 1m 4f) (21 runners) C4

1 (1) 0610- POSITIVE WAY 139 (D,G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 4-10-0 ...... P Burke (7) 91
3 (5) 04040- LAOCHAIL 18J (V) (A Guy) J Norton 4-9-9 ...... S Cauthen 96
4 (12) 100/000- BOLD REX 33J (CD,G,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 6-9-3 ...... J Reid 93
5 (6) 001130- KING TEFKROS 138 (D,G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 5-9-2 ...... G Carter 94
6 (8) 130210- HOPPING AROUND 136 (D,F,G,S) (Race Club Group) C Thornton 4-9-2 J Bleasdale 97
8 (14) 000320- SOMEBODY 158 (Lord Tavistock) C Brittain 4-8-12 ...... M Roberts 94
9 (13) 000212- MONETARY FUND 143 (BF,S) (D Khan) G Lewis 4-8-12 ...... Pat Eddery 95
10 (2) 102102- LOTUS ISLAND 15J (BF,F,G) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-11 ...... Kim Tinkler 92
11 (15) 010/004- RUN HIGH 180 (F) (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 5-8-9 ...... C Rutter —
12 (21) 000000- DEEP WATER BAY 157 (S) (M Bamber) I Matthews 4-8-6 ...... N Day 93
13 (17) 0/04004- PETTING PARTY 22J (J McGrath) J J O'Neill 4-8-5 ...... W Carson 91
15 (3) 102000- CAMMAC LAD 152 (D,G) (Cammac Coal Ltd) C Tinkler 4-8-1 ...... M Wood ● 99
17 (7) 000000- TAYLORMADE BOY 106J (F,G,S) (B Robson) Denys Smith 5-8-1 ...... L Charnock 90
18 (18) 403030- MARLEY MONARCH 21J (Marley Roof Tile Co Ltd) M Haynes 4-7-12 ...... R Fox 96
19 (4) 413100- MINIZEN LAD 157 (D,G,S) (Minizen Ltd) M Brittain 4-7-12 ...... A Munro (7) 95
20 (11) 000/002- VICKSTOWN 33J (D,G) (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 6-7-11 ...... A Culhane (5) 87
21 (10) 300/003- OLD HUBERT 139 (D,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 7-7-10 ...... G Bardwell (5) 94
22 (19) 010002- DICK KNIGHT 112J (D,BF,F,S) (Wallace Farms Ltd) K Ivory 7-7-10 ... P Barnard (5) 92
24 (20) 0/01033- CAMILLA'S GIRL 139 (G) (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 4-7-8 ...... N Adams 97
25 (16) 00000- GO WEST 22J (D Pengelly) R Holder 4-7-8 ...... S Dawson 85
27 (9) 000003/ RIBO MELODY 24J (J Coxon) J Jefferson 5-7-7 ...... A Mackay —

Long handicap: Ribo Melody 7-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Monetary Fund, 11-2 Marley Monarch, 6-1 Somebody, 13-2 Laochail, 7-1 Camilla's Girl, Bold Rex, 9-1 King Tefkros, 10-1 Cammac Lad, Minizen Lad, 12-1 Hopping Around, 14-1 others.

1987: REGAL STEEL 9-7-7 A Culhane (10-1) R Hollinshead 14 ran

FORM **POSITIVE WAY** (8-2) beat Primula Star (7-13) 2½l at York (1m 4f, App, £3220, good, Oct 8, 9 ran) with Hopping Around (8-5) 7th.

KING TEFKROS (8-9) best judged on a 2½l win over One To Note (8-0) at Haydock (1m 4f, £5431, good to soft, Oct 2, 12 ran).

HOPPING AROUND (9-0) beat Trecauldah (8-11) 4l in an Edinburgh claimer (1m 4f, £1033, good, Nov 4, 12 ran).

MONETARY FUND (8-12) showed best at Folkestone (1m 2f, £1652, good to soft, Oct 29, 15 ran) when a 4l winner from Welsh Pageantry (8-5).

LOTUS ISLAND (9-10) 1½l Redcar 2nd to Nicolini (9-0) last time (1m 3f, £3238, good to soft, Oct 13, 18 ran) with **CAMMAC LAD** (9-4) 2½l 5th.

MINIZEN LAD (8-7) game 1½l winner from Free Skip (9-2) at Newcastle in October (2m, £2191, good, Oct 6, 10 ran).

Selection: MONETARY FUND

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
N Tinkler	7	33	21.2
G Huffer	3	19	15.8
S Norton	4	26	15.4
J Berry	3	20	15.0
K Ivory	3	24	12.5
R Williams	3	26	11.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	24	127	18.9
W R Swinburn	6	35	17.1
J Carroll	3	18	16.7
N Day	3	18	16.7
Pat Eddery	11	69	15.9
W Carson	15	100	15.0

3.40 RACEFORM HANDICAP BOOK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,941: 5f) (16 runners) C4

1 (6) 302302- GREAT CHADDINGTON 189 (CD,G,S) (C Fry) J Berry 9-7 ...... J Carroll (5) 98
2 (4) 311043- ISLA BRIDGE 182 (D,F,G) (J Etherton) J Payne 8-11 ...... R Cochrane 90
3 (5) 0020- NORTH OF WATFORD 153 (R Aylward) J H Wilson 8-11 ...... B Crossley 79
4 (3) 21000- JUST JENNINGS 146 (D,F) (T H Jennings Ltd) G Lewis 8-7 ...... Pat Eddery 85
5 (2) 43041- DRAIDOIR 232 (G) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-7 ...... S Perks 89
7 (1) 81300- PROUD AND KEEN 194 (B,D,F) (Miss D Keen) W O'Gorman 8-6 ...... T Ives 92
8 (10) 140239- MERE MELODY 139 (D,BF,G,S) (Mel Brittain) M Brittain 8-5 ...... M Wigham 95
9 (8) 200020- MARLEY SUPALITE 188 (D,BF,F) (Marley Roof Tile Col Ltd) M Haynes 8-0 R Fox 88
10 (7) 321100- TZUTIN 136 (F) (D Lee) Mrs N Macauley 8-0 ...... Paul Eddery ● 99
12 (15) 302100 SWING LUCKY 230 (D,S) (Mrs L Ward) K Ivory 7-11 ...... P Barnard (5) 92
13 (12) 323210- SMALL FEE 146 (D,S) (Mrs G Hallett) M Brittain 7-10 ...... A Munro (7) 93
15 (16) 021441- FAIRFIELD LAD 139 (CD,G,S) (J Hay) M Tompkins 7-7 ...... G Carter 95
16 (9) 003101- EBONY QUESTE 227 (D,F) (E Thomas) J Wharton 7-7 ...... A Mackay 92
17 (14) 4301- SHAY 141 (D,G) (B Brooks) M Brittain 7-7 ...... G Bardwell (5) 96
18 (13) 003101- LONELY RAMIRO 163 (D,F,S) (D Ford) Denys Smith 7-7 ...... J Lowe 94
19 (11) 000030- WAVERLEY STAR 180 (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 7-7 ...... K Darley 81

Long handicap: Ebony Queste 7-6, Shay 7-5, Lonely Ramiro 7-1, Waverley Star 6-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Great Chaddington, 7-2 Shay, 4-1 Fairfield Lad, 6-1 Mere Melody, Just Jennings, 9-1 Small Fee, Lonely Ramiro, 10-1 Swing Lucky, 12-1 others.

1987: FOURWALK 3-9-7 R Hills (16-1) Mrs N Macauley 16 ran

FORM **GREAT CHADDINGTON** (8-11) *showed best ever form in an Ayr* listed race last time (5f, £13147, good to soft, Sep 17, 10 ran) when ½l 2nd to Inchmurrin (8-6).

JUST JENNINGS (9-0) best judged on a ¾l win from Chummy's Girl (8-9) in a Brighton maiden (5f, £959, firm, Apr 27, 8 ran).

MERE MELODY (8-9) ¾l 3rd to Viviends (8-12) in a Newmarket nursery (5f, £4292, good to soft, Oct 30, 17 ran) with **FAIRFIELD LAD** (7-12) a head 4th; **SMALL FEE** (8-1) was 9th and **JUST JENNINGS** (9-2) *unplaced.*

SMALL FEE (8-11) beat Cotton On Quick (8-12) ¾l at Warwick on penultimate start (5f, £1577, soft, Oct 12, 11 ran) with **FAIRFIELD LAD** (8-13) 1½l 4th.

FAIRFIELD LAD (8-6) a head winner from Anthony Loretto (8-9) at Doncaster last time (5f, £1962, good, Nov 6, 22 ran) with **MERE MELODY** (9-3) 3½l 5th.

Selection: GREAT CHADDINGTON

4.10 RACING POST MILE (Listed race: £11,316: 1m str) (8 runners) C4

4 (3) 002312/ BEAU GUEST 578J (G) (Mrs C Darby) R Simpson 6-9-3 ...... M Gallagher (7) —
5 (2) 100002- BIN SHADDAD 142 (D,F,S) (A Al Jafleh) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-3 ...... T Ives 83
6 (7) 4/23204- CHARTINO 233 (D,F,G,S) (J Duffel) G Huffer 5-9-3 ...... W R Swinburn 91
9 (6) 11/20- GREAT ASPECT 319 (D,G,S) (G Roberts) K White 4-9-3 ...... W Carson 89
10 (4) 241240- INISHPOUR 161 (D,F,G,S) (P Halsall) H Wharton 6-9-3 ...... D Nicholls 76
11 (8) 010300/ RUMBOOGIE 524 (S) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-3 ...... Pat Eddery —
12 (1) 312430- VAGUE SHOT 138 (D,F,G,S) (A Anthony) R J Williams 5-9-3 ...... S Cauthen ● 99
15 (5) 4122- TOLO 205 (F) (Capt M Lemos) G Lewis 3-8-0 ...... Paul Eddery 86

BETTING: 13-8 Vague Shot, 3-1 Chartino, 7-2 Bin Shaddad, 6-1 Tolo, 8-1 Inishpour, 14-1 others.

1987: DR BULASCO 3-8-0 T Williams (9-1) S Norton 11 ran

FORM *BIN SHADDAD (9-12) ran up to best* last time when 1½l 2nd to Apple Rings (8-5) at Leicester (7f, Hcap, £3322, soft, Nov 3, 16 ran).

CHARTINO (9-6) best judged on 1½l 2nd to Golden Temple (8-4) at The Curragh (1m, List, £11,550, soft, Jun 27, 10 ran).

GREAT ASPECT (9-2) finished around 6l 6th to Zaizoom (9-2) at Capanelle (1m 4f, Group 1, £187,704, good, May 10, 8 ran).

VAGUE SHOT (9-0) best judged on 6l 3rd to Shady Heights (8-9) over course and distance (List, £23,139, good, Oct 24, 11 ran).

Selection: VAGUE SHOT

4.45 JACK COLLING MEMORIAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,886: 1m 2f 50yd) (18 runners)

1 (6) 043000- RANA PRATAP 153 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Thornberry) G Lewis 8-9-12 ...... P Cecil (7) 93
3 (16) 014000- BRONZE RUNNER 173 (D,F,G) (Austin Stroud Ltd) E Wheeler 4-9-4 ... L Riggio (7) 98
4 (7) 034- FAJIR 19J (E Ormerod) J H Wilson 4-9-3 ...... Julie Bowker (7) 90
5 (11) 423030- CI SIAMO 145 (S) (E Addison) M Ryan 4-9-2 ...... G Bardwell (5) 94
6 (3) 404200- SUSAN HENCHARD 19J (BF,G) (Mrs M Bellamy) M Avison 4-8-8 ...... J Carr (5) 94
7 (8) 0/00020- SIR PERCY 220 (S) (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-8 ...... — 92
9 (9) 013000- DAWN LOVE 138 (CD,F,G) (J Rees) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 ...... A Culhane (5) 96
10 (10) 241110- CHEERFUL TIMES 143 (C,D,G,S) (M Sturgess) K Ivory 5-8-5 ...... P Barnard (5) 90
11 (15) 001020- LIKEABLE LADY 127J (F) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 4-8-3 ...... J Quinn (5) 97
12 (13) 030230- CREEAGER 19J (F,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 6-8-3 ...... P Walsh (7) 94
17 (18) 04/004- CHARLIE MILORD 170 (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-7-11 ...... D Dunnachie (7) —
18 (14) 000000- HAY STREET 6J (F,G) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 7-7-9 ...... G Hind ● 99
20 (17) 0/20000- ARTISTIC CHAMPION 9J (D,F) (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 5-7-7 Dale Gibson (7) 92
21 (1) 003000- PERSHING 89J (S) (G Blunden) D L Williams 7-7-7 ...... D D'Arcy (7) 94
23 (2) 430/000- SPACE TROOPER 15J (D,F) (J Turney) T Fairhurst 5-7-7 ...... K Brownsword (7) —
24 (5) 440040- THE FOOTMAN 160 (D,G,S) (R Reynolds) R Stubbs 6-7-7 ...... P Burke (7) 95
25 (12) 023421/ STAR'S DELIGHT 24J (G) (F Barr) R Hodges 6-7-7 ...... S Wood (7) —
27 (4) 0000/0- KAASIB 21J (B) (A Walder) M Haynes 5-7-7 ...... S Cairns (7) —

Long handicap: Pershing 7-6, Space Trooper 7-4, The Footman 7-4, Star's Delight 7-2 Kaasib 6-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Bronze Runner, 5-1 Susan Henchard, 6-1 Ci Siamo, 7-1 Rana Pratap, Dawn Love, 8-1 Sir Percy, Cheerful Times, 10-1 Likeable Lady, 12-1 others.

1987: HOME D'AFFAIRE 4-8-12 J Adams (4-1) G Lewis 16 ran

FORM **DAWN LOVE** (7-4) ran up to best when around 7l 6th to Islebeck (8-8) at Doncaster with **RANA PRATAP** (9-0) out of first 9 (1m, £5120, good, Oct 23, 18 ran).

CHEERFUL TIMES (8-11) ran up hat-trick culminating in being awarded race when 1l 2nd to North Pacific (9-0) at Doncaster with **ARTISTIC CHAMPION** (8-5) last (1m 4f, £3421, gd-sft, Oct 24, 9 ran).

LIKEABLE LADY (8-0) was at best on penultimate start when ½l 2nd to *Lisianthus (9-6) at Newbury (1m 2f,* £4292, good, Sept 18, 10 ran).

Selection: DAWN LOVE

5.15 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE MAGAZINE MAIDEN STAKES (£959: 1m 2f 50yd) (21 runners)

1 (3) 000/000- ASTURIAS 15J (Mrs A Dawson) J Jefferson 5-9-0 ...... B Raymond —
2 (2) 0/02- BIG RED 170 (BF) (Sir J Astor) G Wragg 4-9-0 ...... Paul Eddery 92
3 (9) 0030- CHOCTAW 141 (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-0 ...... J Bleasdale —
7 (8) 0/0- HAJJI BABA 168 (J Bostock) J Jenkins 4-9-0 ...... I Johnson —
8 (11) LATE SESSION (R Savery) R Holder 4-9-0 ...... A Dicks —
9 (13) 0/2223- LAVROSKY 201 (BF) (K Abdulla) J Tree 4-9-0 ...... Pat Eddery ● 99
10 (21) 0/0- MASNOON 24J (J Eyre) Denys Smith 5-9-0 ...... J Reid —
11 (5) 000/ NICOLENE'S HOPE 15J (S Gallagher) R Holder 5-9-0 ...... W R Swinburn —
14 (16) 02- PICHIRICO 335 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-9-0 ...... T Quinn 91
15 (7) 043/ RODOMONT 518 (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0 ...... K Fallon (5) —
16 (19) 3/00- ROYAL PAGEANT 288 (A Mutawa) K M Brassey 4-9-0 ...... P Cook 86
18 (17) 00- TIGERS PET 28J (A Wilkinson) K Ivory 4-9-0 ...... R Cochrane —
19 (10) TOWN MEETING (B Ray) Ron Thompson 4-9-0 ...... R P Elliott —
20 (14) 322320/ TRACK MARSHALL 338J (G Blunden) D L Williams 6-9-0 ...... D D'Arcy (7) —
22 (12) 223320- LILY MAB 140 (R Belderson) P Kelleway 4-8-11 ...... S Cauthen 85
23 (4) 00330- LITTLE WHITE LIES 12J (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-11 ...... J Williams 88
24 (6) 0- METANNEE 143 (M Small) M Francis 4-8-11 ...... C Rutter —
25 (15) MILAN PRIDE (R Thornhill) B McMahon 5-8-11 ...... M Lynch (5) —
26 (1) 00/0000- MRS MAINWARING 216 (A Midani) S Norton 5-8-11 ...... J Lowe —
28 (20) 00- TINO REPPIN 150 (C Wagstaff) J Leigh 4-8-11 ...... M Fry —
29 (18) 0- VELDA 47J (S Taberner) J Mackie 6-8-11 ...... W Newnes —

BETTING: 11-10 Lavrosky, 7-2 Pichirico, 6-1 Big Red, 8-1 Royal Pageant, 12-1 *Lily Mab*, Little White *Lies, 14-1 others.*

1987: SPRINGWELL 4-8-11 G Carter (7-1) G Huffer 28 ran

FORM **BIG RED** (9-0) best effort last start when *½l 2nd to River Loch (9-0) at* Newcastle (1m 1f, £1225, good, Oct 6, 6 ran).

LAVROSKY ran well all four starts last term. Latest effort (8-11) *6l 3rd to Proud Crest at Haydock (1m 4f,* £3413, good, Sept 5, 4 ran).

PICHIRICO (8-11) showed best form last time when 2½l 2nd to Neshad (8-11) at Sandown (1m, £3512, good, april 24, 9 ran).

Selection: LAVROSKY

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Leading Role.
2.45 On Her Toes.
3.15 Dr Pepper.
3.45 Strong Gold.
4.15 Hypnosis.
4.45 Fandango Boy.

Going: heavy

2.15 COUNTY PROPERTIES FLOOR PLANS JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £735: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 113143 TABAREEK 13 (BF,F,G,S) (R Warren) M Pipe 12-0 ...... *R Macniece (7)* 89
2 011 LEADING ROLE 122 (CD,S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 11-4 ...... P Scudamore 84
4 40P3P GOOD CAUSE 15 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-13 ...... S Davies (7) 90
6 240000 MCCALLUN 15 (F) (Miss L Williamson) I Wardle 10-11 ...... K Townsend 89
8 340003 UP THE LADDER 6 (V Thompson) C Charlet 10-8 ...... S Woods (4) 84
9 410009 CONNEMARA DAWN 29 (B,S) (Avondum Ltd) R Holder 10-5 ...... P Murphy 86
10 031010 *NUNS ROYAL 23 (B,CD,S) (M Kavanagh)* R Dickin 10-5 ...... M Jones (7) 84
13 0100 WHAT'S A GUINEA 115 (CD,G) (G Davis) R Holder 10-3 ...... N Coleman 83
14 0F0 WISE TIMES 23 (Adept 80 Ltd) D Elsworth 10-0 ...... — ● 99

BETTING: *9-4 Tabareek, 3-1 Leading Role,* 5-1 Good Cause, 6-1 Connemara Dawn, 8-1 Nuns Royal, Wise Times, 10-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 COUNTY PROPERTIES SOLE AGENCY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£955: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 210212 HARRISON 17 *(B,BF,G)* (J Guillambert) M Pipe 5-11-8 ...... P Scudamore 91
4 0 COOL OPERATOR 77 (T Beresford) B Stevens 5-11-1 ...... — —
8 00P000 THATS NICE 8 (B,F) (D Short) T Keenor 5-11-1 ...... R Boucher 77
10 0 TUDOR LARKABOUT 12 (Mrs P Maitland) J Elliott 5-11-1 ...... Mrs C Elliott —
11 0P BREAKFAST TIME 72 (P Emmett) C Luxton *5-10-10* ...... — —
16 P-P REVANORA 31 (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 5-10-10 ...... R Millman 90
18 031P0 MISS LAWSUIT 14 (CD,S) (T McElroy) L Cottrell 4-10-9 ...... J Frost ● 98
19 F010 ON HER TOES 19 (D,S) *(J Couson) R Frost 4-10-9* ...... Miss S Waterman —
21 0 MAHITIS 14 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 4-10-7 ...... M Furlong —
23 00 SAXON DON 28 (A Bailey) W G M Turner 4-10-7 ...... — 98
24 0300R *SILVER ANCONA 2 (E George)* N Thomson 4-10-7 ...... G McCourt 88
28 40200 MAMAMERE 154 (T Fletcher) S Cole 4-10-2 ...... — —

BETTING: 6-4 Harrison, 7-2 Silver Ancona, 5-1 On Her Toes, 6-1 Mamamere, 8-1 Cool Operator, *10-1 others.*

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.15 COUNTY PROPERTIES ESTATE AGENTS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,530: 3m) (12 runners)

1 3F000P GLEN GEORGE 8 (G,S) (Mrs J Ostler) G Ham 8-11-10 ...... S Mackey (7) 85
3 420P43 DONAGHMOYNE 142 (F,G,S) (C Ward) Miss L Bower 11-11-7 ...... R Bellamy (7) 88
6 011340 FLAMENCO DANCER 12 (D,F,G,S) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 14-11-5 ...... A Charlton (7) 89
7 4/F4-0F0 GOLDEN KNOLL 24 (D,S) (Mrs J McKechnie) S Mellor 9-11-4 ...... G Charles Jones 88
8 34-40P0 BARRYSVILLE 24 (F,G,S) (A Baird Tennis Courts Ltd) P Burgoyne 12-11-4 ... G McCourt 96
10 UP00P0 NOTRE CHEVAL 30 (S) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 9-11-2 ...... *Peter Hobbs* 84
11 0P-P402 ROYAL HARBOUR 8 (S) (B Leaver) R Simpson 8-11-2 ...... D Gallagher (4) 90
13 P-24212 DR PEPPER 17 (D,G,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) D Barons 11-10-13 ...... P Hawke (7) ● 99
14 4/04440 MORICE 70 (F,G,S) (B Hartery) M Pipe 10-10-12 ...... *P Scudamore* 82
15 020013 SCALE MODEL 20 (D,S) (J Roper) J Roper 6-10-10 ...... W Hayes (7) 96
16 0324-P0 DENSTON 36 (G,S) (D Underwood) J Redmond 11-10-7 ...... — 91
18 P-004FP HIGH BLEND 36 (B,S) (B Wright) P Bailey 7-10-5 ...... *B Powell* —

BETTING: 4-1 Dr Pepper, 9-2 Scale Model, 5-1 Royal Harbour, 6-1 Barrysville, Flamenco Dancer, *Morice, 8-1 others.*

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,388: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 400311 BIETSCHHORN HUT 15 (G,S) (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 6-11-10 ...... I Shoemark (7) 86
4 210400 WONDER BEE 13 (S) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 5-11-10 ...... B Powell 86
5 00-2001 GAY CRISELLE 27 (S) (D Price) *P Hobbs 5-11-5 ...... Peter Hobbs* 87
9 04 CAPELI CONE 16 (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 6-11-0 ...... — 97
14 HOLWORTHY (J Payne) J Payne 5-11-0 ...... R Millman —
16 403100 *KELLYANN 14 (CD,S) (R Kelly) W Fisher 5-11-0* ...... S McNeill 86
19 3P-00 ROYAL BATTERY 34 (R Cottle) D Barons 5-11-0 ...... P Nicholls —
20 0P0 SCOTTISH WARRIOR 8 (R Dent) D Jermy 5-11-0 ...... M Williams —
21 10-0020 STRONG GOLD 42 (S) *(Mrs S Robins)* Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ...... M Pitman ● 99
23 31-0P YOU TURN OKAY 85 (F) (C D Furnishing Contracts Ltd) E Wheeler 7-11-0 ...... G Landau —
24 0P ALICE BRIGHT 31 (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 5-10-9 ...... — —
27 PRECIOUS MODEL (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 7-10-9 ...... G Charles Jones —

BETTING: 9-4 Strong Gold, 11-4 Bietschhorn Hut, 6-1 Gay Criselle, Kellyann, Wonder Bee, 8-1 Royal Battery, 10-1 others.

1987: HIGH HAM BLUES 5-11-0 S Moore (9-4) J Fox 13 ran

4.15 COUNTY PROPERTIES FREE VALUATION NOVICES CHASE (£2,105: 2m 150yd) (12 runners)

1 114P12 HYPNOSIS 12 (BF,F,G,S) (Major G Snell) D Elsworth 9-12-2 ...... G Bradley ● 99
3 0-12323 QUICKSTEP 21 (B,D,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-9 ...... P Scudamore 88
4 041301 DARK HERITAGE 9 (G,S) (J Guest) D Murray-Smith 5-11-8 ...... P Croucher 86
9 F030F2 GREY TORNADO 12 (D Short) T Keenor 7-11-2 ...... R Boucher (7) 94
13 443042 POLAR GLEN 9 (Mrs V Phillips) R Hodges 7-11-2 ...... S Mackey 91
19 02-P403 TANK COMMANDER 84 (R Pike) D Bell 7-11-2 ...... — 80
20 04P0FP WIMBLEBALL 72 (J Payne) J Payne 8-11-2 ...... R Millman —
22 P0/2-00 WRONG RIGHTED 84 (R Lee) R Lee 7-11-2 ...... B Dowling —
24 200002 HANDY LANE 14 (F,S) (A Stoddart) C Popham 7-10-11 ...... B Powell 87
26 3-40PP0 LUCKY GOLD 36 (S) (P Taplin) Miss L Bower 11-10-11 ...... R Rowell 77
27 00P4/0 MOUNTAIN MEAR 16 (F) (J King) K Bishop 8-10-11 ...... — —
28 P00-2U0 NEARLY MEDINA 14 (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 6-10-11 ...... S Earle 83

BETTING: 5-2 Hypnosis, 3-1 Quickstep, 5-1 Grey Tornado, 6-1 Dark Heritage, Polar Glen, 8-1 Tank Commander, 10-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.45 COUNTY PROPERTIES BUYERS BONUS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 32-F134 K O ISLAND 40 (B,CD,S) (C McClintock) M Pipe 5-11-10 ...... J Lower ● 99
5 0-2110P REDGRAVE GIRL 145 (CD,F,G) (C Wilson) K Bishop 6-11-4 ...... — 95
6 1-1U000 GUYMYSON 35 (D,F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-1 ...... P Scudamore 94
7 013000 FANDANGO BOY 13 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Channing) M Pipe 5-10-12 ...... S Woods (4) 98
8 020F-F0 TIGHT TURN 35 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Frost) R Frost 9-10-11 ...... J Frost 95
13 00130-4 BROWN RIFLE 31 (C,S) (R Forsyth) D Burchell 8-10-10 ...... D J Burchell (4) 94
15 1331-00 MZIMA SPRING 83 (CD,F,S) (R Stuart) L Cottrell 9-10-8 ...... R Millman 87
20 200-000 SMITHY BEAR 21 (B) (Mrs J John) R Dickin 6-10-3 ...... W Humphreys (4) 95
22 P31110 SHOUT 165 (CD,F,G) (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 8-10-2 ...... S Davies (7) 94
25 0000-43 AYRES ROCK 19 (Mrs V Wells) B Wells 7-10-0 ...... G Charles Jones 98
26 4-P3003 LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 30 (Miss L Wannacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-0 ...... D Wonnacott 93
28 20030-0 FILL THE JUG 9 (J Reid) P Rodford 7-10-0 ...... — 89

Long handicap: Ayres Rock 9-10, Lilly Longstocking 9-9, Fill The Jug 9-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Brown Rifle, 4-1 Redgrave Girl, 6-1 Ayres Rock, 15-2 K O Island, 8-1 Fandango Boy, Lizzy Longstocking, Shout, 10-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Holder	11	42	26.2
D Murray-Smith	3	12	25.0
W Fisher	3	13	23.1
M Pipe	25	119	21.0
D Elsworth	8	40	20.0

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	6	27	22.2
P Murphy	5	23	21.7
J Lower	*6*	29	20.7
P Croucher	4	23	17.4
N Coleman	8	50	16.0
G McCourt	3	19	15.8

Triptych campaign will centre on top British prizes

From Dick Hinder, Paris

Triptych, sold to an American consortium for $3.4 million (£1.83 million) at Alan Clore's dispersal sale on Sunday, looks certain to be campaigning in Britain later this season.

Patrick-Louis Biancone, her Chantilly trainer, said that the six-year-old mare, who arrives back from Lexington, Kentucky this morning, will be aimed at most of the big British prizes later in the season.

She is likely to make her first *appearance in the Prix Ganay at* Longchamp in May. There is a possibility she may run again in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown in July, but also high on her agenda are two prizes she won last season — the race formerly known as the Matchmaker International at York in August and the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket in October. This may be followed by one of the Breeders' Cup races at Churchill Downs, Kentucky.

Biancone has also acquired another former Clore mare, River Memories, previously trained by Robert Collet. The four-year-old who captured the Rothmans International at Woodbine, Ontario in October is earmarked for the Coronation Cup at the Epsom Derby meeting.

Biancone was saddling runners yesterday at Evry racecourse on the southern outskirts of Paris, where Pat Eddery, after riding work for Jeremy Tree at Beckhampton, flew in by private plane to partner Khaled Abdulla's Holst in the six-furlong sprint, the Prix de Bonneval.

The four-year-old looked the likely winner when holding a clear lead entering the final furlong, but he faded badly and eventually finished third behind the Francois Doumen-trained Croftito.

Evry racecourse, anxious to encourage a true pace for their top events this year, are offering a speed incentive for 13 of their feature events. If the course record is equalled or beaten in these races the winning prize-money will be doubled.

The racecourse executive is hoping to recruit more British and Irish entries and is also offering a £100,000 bonus to any filly winning three group events, the Prix Finlande, the Prix Chloe and the Prix Minerve, which are held in the space of 45 days in June and July.

Evry, being one of only two left-handed tracks in Paris, is also holding a trial for the Breeders' Cup series. The race, named the Breeders' Cup Test, will be run over 11 furlongs on October 19 with a prize of £20,000.

Towcester off

The recent wet spell continues to take its toll on racing with today's Towcester meeting abandoned because the course is waterlogged. Others already in doubt are Saturday's meeting at *Bangor* (inspection 2.30pm today) and the two-day Flat fixture at Leicester on Monday and *Tuesday*.

Single to take Lincoln chance

Trainer Bill Wightman said yesterday that ante-post favourite Single will definitely run in Saturday's William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster.

Wightman said: "Single is *perfectly sound and definitely* takes his chance." The sponsors offer the six-year-old, the mount of Pat Eddery, at 6-1.

Rain suits European challengers

By a Special Correspondent

Connections of the three European horses in Saturday's £400,000 H.E.Tancred Stakes at Rosehill, Sydney, have been delighted by regular showers of rain during the past week.

Their eight opponents are all fit from recent races but most Australasian horses are more at home on fast ground. For example, the probable favourite, Beau Zam, has been beaten on each of the three occasions on which he has encountered going slower than good.

Beau Zam is the leading three-year-old of the moment and beat Henry Cecil's former charge, Bonhomie, in the Segenhoe Stakes, over 10 furlongs of this course, two weeks ago.

John Dunlop, asked about the New Zealand-bred colt yesterday, conceded that he was top class but believed that age and *experience were in favour of the* European representatives, Highland Chieftain, Le Glorieux and Vaguely *Pleasant. Dunlop* added: "Highland Chieftain has adapted quickly and I couldn't *be more pleased. The* rain should inconvenience the local horses more than ours."

Robert Collet, who trains Le Glorieux, had a fright when his Washington International and Japan Cup winner pulled up feelingly after working in *impressive style earlier in the* week.

He had good news to report yesterday, saying: "The x-ray showed nothing."

Ambitious plans for Irish track

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Phoenix Park takes on a new lease of life this season when the existing team of chairman Vincent O'Brien and chief executive Jonathan Irwin join forces with *the sports promotion group* CSI Limited, which includes John Sanderson who made such a success of the managership of York races.

At a press conference in Dublin yesterday Jonathan Irwin disclosed that plans were now ready to rebuild the grandstand that was burned down last November. The new structure *will be three-times the size of the* old and will contain larger restaurants, bars and recreational facilities.

A financial gamble is involved as the track has reported losses for six years in a row. However, the new-look team are banking *on* a 50 *per* cent increase in paying customers. The average last year was 5,500 and Irwin is confident that he can hoist this to 8,000 a day.

Earlier this year there were reported negotiations between the Vincent O'Brien-led syn*dicate, who bought out Patrick* Gallagher when his property company went into liquidation six years ago, and the Racing Board with a view to passing over the day-to-day running of the racecourse. However, it is reported that these negotiations were broken off through the Racing Board's insistence on the replacement of Jonathan Irwin *as manager.*

Epsom classic entries

DERBY: Agarb, Ahoy, Al Asool, Albadr, Alderney, Alleged Spirit, Allegro Jets, Allen's Alydar, All Forgotten, Allier, Al Mufti, Al Muhathal, Alquoz, Alsacien, Al Sahil, *Altashar, Alwuhush, Alydar's Hope*, Alywood, Ancient Flame, Ardent Lodger, Assatis, Attaal, Babil, Baltic Fox, Barbarolli, Beau Ideal, Black Sabbath, *Blushing John, Buddy, Burken, Caerwent*, Careafolie, Carmelite House, Cascade Gold, Chant De Depart, Charmante, Charmer, Chevron, Chief Mole, Clear Call, Clifton Chapel, Criminal Type, Crossed Swords, Cyriellor.

Dancing Groom, Destur, Dead Net, Derebey, Desert Crest, Devizes, Don Giulio, Doyoun, Drapeau Tricolore, Emmson, Emperor To Be, Empiricism, *Emrali, Esprit d'Etoile, Fairlane, Fame And* Glory, Family Pride, Fijar Tango, French Stress, French Sultor, Galitzin, Ghathanfar, Glacial Storm, Golden Wave, *Gold Service, Happy Moon, Henbane*, Hours After, Ile De Chypre, In Extremis, Insan, Institut, Iskandar, Jadeer, Joruri, Kahyasi, Kefaah, Kennerton Green, Kris Kringle, Lake Como, Lapierre, Law Lord, Le Regent, Lishaw.

Macau, Magsood, Makarim, Maksud, Malkhatoun, Melicus, Mighty Falcon, Minder, Minster Son, Misbah, Moscow Society, Moudhissh, Mulfit, Mulia, *Munjarid, Mysterious Noble, Nadiym, New* Trends, Nikitas, Non Aligned, Nordic Legend, Northern State, One From Above, Opposite Abstract, Oracle, Pasakos, Petrullo, Phar Feather, Prince Des Coeurs, Project Manager, Quiet Achiever, Rahy, Rawnak, Red Glow, Reel Lark, *Reprimand.*

Sadoun, Safety Catch, Salaadim, Sanquirico, Sarhoob, Saudi Desert, Savouraux, Sea Symphony, Secret Claim, Sharazari, Shareef Sailor, Sharpo's Lad, Shehyr, Sheriff's Star, Shuja, Silver Show, Smart Roberto, Sonnetto, Son Of Repute, Stage Lark, Stanza, St Cadoc, Storada, Stormline, Sunguil, Tattazani, Tibullo, Tilefos, Titus Groan, Tolo, Top Class, Top Item, Topsider Man, Tralos, Trick Question, Triteamtri, True Panache, Undercut, Unfuwain, Vaguely Hidden, Vayrua, Wadi River, Warfare, Warning, Watertight, Wide Support, Yachtsman, Zahy, Zalph.

OAKS: Action Francaise, Alghalih, Andaleeb, Animatrice, Anjaab, Antigua Rose, Ashayer, Ashshama, Asl, Atropa, Babita, Baddi Baddi, Bahamian, *Beauchamp Cactus, Benetta, Bestena*, Bethel Orchard, Bitooh, Blonde Date, Bold Topaze, Caro's Niece, Catina, Charmante, Circus Act, Claudia Pascal, Compton Lady, Dabaweyaa, Dahlia's Image, Dancing Goddess, Dark Lomond, Darnelle, Dayanata, Delighter, Diminu*endo, Don't Rush, Donya.*

Ela Romara, Emeraude, Epimenthius, Forest Fawn, Gazayil, Ghanimah, *Gharibe, Gloria's Dancer, Haiat, Harvest* Dance, High And Bright, Honest Impulse, Hopeful Search, Indian Aspect, Jetty, Kazavyna, Kilmara, Kosmos Libra, *La Luna, Liaison, Light The Lights, Line Call*, Little Borden, Lomond Blossom, Lossiewells, Lustre, Lynow, Lyphka, Magic Of Life, Maison Close, Manaos, Manesta, Margelle, Messaria, Mill Path, Minstrel's Lassie, Miss Boniface, Most Precious, Musical Charm.

Nar, Narjis, Nemesia, New Trends, Noble Enchantee, Noble *Links*, No No Never, Norland, Obeah, One Life, *Orangerie, Pamusi, Papaia, Pennsylvania*, Perceive, Please Kenneth, Pontiac Queen, Pretoria, Pretresse, Pretty Lady, Princess Genista, *Quaff*, Raise A Memory, Rasmara, Rastannora, Ravinella, Red Guitars, Red Rose Garden, Relative Secret, Ribbons'N Bows, Risky Bride, *River Serenade, Riviere D'Or, Rumoosh.*

Salhaba, Saneena, Saucy Lassie, Savannah Song, Sequins, Serene Monarch, Set Pattern, Shirley Superstar, Shoalih, Silver Lane, Sky Love, Solent Steel, Sparrow's Air, Spring Break, Stop Day, Storm Weaver, Studded Belt, Sudden Love, Sunday Sport Star, Suntrap, Sweet Enough, Timely, Top Slipper, Triple Kiss, Trusted Partner, Upper Strata, Vearia, Vive, William's Bird, Woodlake, Worood, Yalciyna.

Kelso results

Going: soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, **KIRTY'S BOY** (L Wyer, 14-1); 2, **Montevlot** (J Hansen, 33-1); 3, Sheshoons Last (C Dennis, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Dutchelm (4th), 5 Always Dangerous, 13-2 Rose Tableau, 10 Rosies Son (5th), Key Royal, 11 Timmenion, 12 Hunting Country, 16 Azusa, 20 Green Ville, Mr Coffey, 20 Showpin, Eastlands Monkey (6th), 50 Charlie Dagg, Cromach, *Habat's Melody*, Whin Knowe. 19 ran. 5l, 7l, 6l, ½l, 1½l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £9.20; £2.30, £34.90, £15.90. DF: £132.70. CSF: £376.09.

2.45 (2m 196yd ch) 1, **CATCH THAT** (G Harker, 7-4); 2, **Kevino** (C Grant, 14-1); 3, *Irish Guest* (D Nolan, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Trailing Rose, 11-2 Mariefield (4th), 12 Mulata (5th), 33 Millstreak (6th), 66 Bordeaux Rouge (pu), Lothian Emperor (pu). 9 ran. *NR: Molly Carew.* 7l, 1½l, 10l, 5l, 2½l. M Smith at Stockton-on-Tees. Tote: £2.90; £1.30 £2.10 £2.80. DF: £12.50. CSF: £23.10.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, **STAYHAR GOLD** (L Wyer, 8-1); 2, **Vicario di Bray** (M Dwyer, 1-6 fav); 3, **Megan's Move** (Miss D Slack, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Assembly (5th), Bold Spartan, *Los Gigantes* (pu), 100 Crystal Ball (pu). 7 ran. NR: Duke Of Mala. 15l, 5l, 20l, dist. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £1.10. *DF: £1.80. CSF: £9.75.*

3.45 (3m ch) 1, **HANDY TRICK** (C Grant, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, **Solaree** (N Doughty, 6-1); 3, *Hardy Lad* (T Reed, 7-1). *ALSO RAN*: 11-4 jt-fav Brigarona (f). 5 The Divider (5th), 11 Clonroche Gazette (4th), 33 Clonsharagh (pu). 7 ran. 3l, 8l, 7l, 8l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £3.00. DF: £29.80. CSF: £16.77.

4.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, **YOUNG WARRIOR** (M Hammond, 7-4 fav); 2, **Dreambreaker** (D Byrne, 7-1); 3, **Fair Bavard** (A Charlton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Flying Oats (5th), 9 *Carat Stick (pu), 10 Faroor (4th)*, 12 Botany Blade, 14 Snow Babu, 20 Warwick Suite (6th), 25 Scarlet Terror (pu), 33 Kamal Siddiqi (pu), 50 Of That Ilk, Hazy Glen (pu), 200 Czarosa (pu). 14 ran. 1½l, 5l, 4l, 25l, hd. Miss M Bell at Hawick. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £19.40. CSF: £14.34. Tricast: £59.18.

4.45 (3m ch) 1, **FLYING ACE** (Miss D Calder, 5-4 fav); 2, **Mystic Music** (K Anderson, 13-8); 3, **Hummelmoor** (Mr D Mactaggart, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 20 Bentom Boy (4th), 25 Royal Pit (pu), 50 Caton Boy (f), Show No Mercy (pu), Twilight (5th). 8 ran. NR: Gayle Warning. 5l, 12l, nk, 12l. A Calder at Duns. *Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10,* £1.80. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.42.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, **MIRANDINHA** (D Byrne, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, **Kings Fountain** (Mr A Parker, 25-1); 3, **Forallovus** (Mr D Mactaggart, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Nebechal (5th), 8 Safely Away, Auto Alick (6th), Popping On, 14 Celtic Bombshell, 16 Gunmetal Boy, 20 Park Slave, Only For *Money (4th). High Laws, Johns Valentine*, Lothian Sultan, 25 Garthcroft, 33 Interlok Divider, Royal Bank Air (f), *50* First Touch (pu), Linlithgow Palace, Mill Knock, Celtic Sands, Halcyon Lass. *22 ran.* 1½l, 2l, 5l, hd, 4l. D Eddy at Malton. Tote: £3.50; £2.80, £6.30, £8.80. DF: £1.70 (first or second with any other). CSF: £76.14. After steward's enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £41.10

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CRICKET: FORMER ENGLAND CAPTAIN TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION TOMORROW ON BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINTS

Botham must face further charges after court fine

Perth, Australia, (AFP) — Ian Botham, the former England captain, was fined Aus$800 (about £323) here yesterday after pleading guilty to a charge of assault and one of offensive behaviour.

Officials said that he and Dennis Lillee, the former Australian Test bowler, are to appear before Cricket Council committees to answer disciplinary charges relating to damage caused to a dressing-room in Tasmania.

Botham's court case related to an incident last week on a flight carrying the Queensland team from Brisbane to Perth for the Sheffield Shield final. Jeff Scholz, the federal prosecutor, told Perth Magistrates Court that Botham used offensive language throughout the flight and it became worse during an argument with Allan Border, the Queensland and Australian Test captain.

Botham had faced two charges of assault and another of disorderly conduct when he appeared in the dock; but one of the assault charges, involving a Perth businessman, Matthew Saunders, was withdrawn because of lack of evidence; and the disorderly conduct charge was amended to one of offensive behaviour.

Mr Scholz said that when a passenger sitting in front of Botham asked him to keep down the noise, Botham told him to mind his own business and grabbed his head and shook it. John Staude, counsel for Botham, said Botham just turned the man's head to face the front.

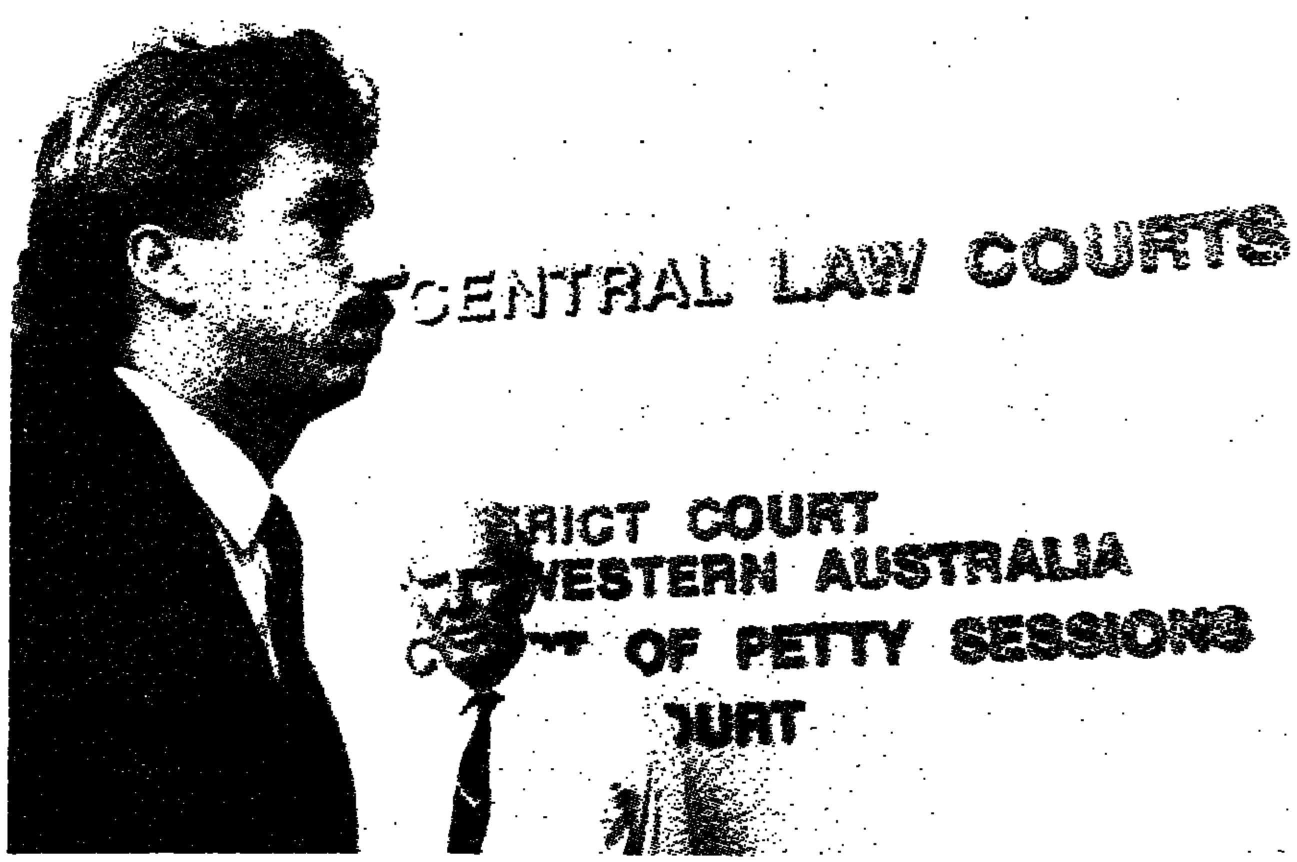
The court was told that Botham verbally abused several other passengers. Mr Staude said Botham apologized to the passengers after the flight and felt remorse and regret about the incident.

In the same court Greg Ritchie, Queensland's former Australian Test batsman, pleaded not guilty to a charge of offensive behaviour. His case was adjourned until October.

Queensland lost the Shield final in Perth on Tuesday and after the game Border said that he believed the mid-air incident and surrounding publicity had not helped the team's performance.

Peter Hadlow, the executive director of the Tasmanian Cricket Council, said after the court case that Botham and Lillee would appear before Cricket Council hearings on code-of-behaviour complaints. Lillee would appear before a Tasmanian Cricket Council commission on Monday morning, he said, and he understood that Botham would appear before the Queensland commission tomorrow.

The complaints arose from damage caused to a local Tasmanian cricket club room used as a dressing-room during an inter-state match in February between Tasmania and Queensland. Graham Halbish, the Australian Cricket Board general manager, has said that the damage was estimated at more than Aus$1,000 (about £404).



The writing on the wall: Botham shows his sombre side as he arrives at the court to hear his fate and ponder his future

Qadir's Bourda Oval haven

From Richard Streeton, Georgetown, Guyana

A lengthy casualty list forced Pakistan to defer choosing their team for the four-day match with a West Indies Board XI, starting today. Their solitary consolation is that Abdul Qadir seems to have recovered from a kidney stone problem.

The leg spinner spun the ball sharply when the Pakistanis practised at a local army ground. The resurfaced Bourda Oval was unavailable as groundstaff continued to work round the clock to make it ready for today's game, the one-day international on March 30 and the first Test match on April 2.

Previous forebodings about the Bourda square seem justified. It is uneven, grassless and threatens to have few lasting properties as Georgetown has experienced drought for several months.

Special dispensation to water the outfield has come from the Government and Pakistan have agreed that watering and rolling can continue each night throughout this game.

Tauseef Ahmed, the off spinner, is the most seriously injured Pakistani. He fell on his right shoulder two months ago in Pakistan and can hardly grip the ball and will be sent home if his condition does not improve soon. Wasim Akram, the fast left-arm bowler, is still troubled by an infection following recent groin and hernia operations.

Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Saleem Jaffer and Saleem Yousuf, all have minor injuries.

Intikhab Alam, the manager, doubles as medical officer, since Ray Cole, the Essex physiotherapist, was due to join them, but his appointment was cancelled in the wake of England's stormy tour when new officials took over in Pakistan.

The Board XI is formed by players on the fringe of the West Indies Test party and who did well in the recent Red Stripe championship. Among them is Robert Haynes, virtually the only leg spinner. With restricted opportunities, he took 22 wickets at 25.59 each in five matches, as Jamaica won the tournament.

Guyana provide four players, including the left-handed Clayton Lambert, who average 78.29 and was the heaviest scorer with 548 runs.

Tony Gray, of Surrey, who has made way in the West Indies one-day side for Curtly Ambrose, will share the new ball with another Trinidadian, Ian Bishop. Bishop, aged 20, topped the Red Stripe bowling averages, his 19 wickets costing 13.68.

WIBC BOARD XI: R A Harper (capt), S Dhaniram, C B Lambert, R Seeram (all Guyana), P V Simmons, D Williams (wkt), I R Bishop, A H Gray (all Trinidad), R C Haynes (Jamaica), K L T Arthurton (Leeward Islands), D J Collymore (Windward Islands).

Gatting ready to remain at England helm

Mike Gatting returned home from New Zealand yesterday determined to lead England against West Indies this summer, despite failing to win any of his last 13 Tests as captain.

"I'm very happy to carry on if the selectors want me," Gatting said. He may know within a month if he has kept his job: Peter May, the chairman of selectors, plans to reveal his summer strategy during the opening match of the season at Lord's between MCC and Nottinghamshire on April 16 to 18.

After a winter campaign of seven Test matches and 15 one-day internationals, the tour manager, Peter Lush has already submitted a paper on the growing disquiet among England players on lengthy tours and this will be examined by the Test and County Cricket Board within the next week.

GOLF

Europeans prepare to stifle young American revival

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Ponte Vedra

Severiano Ballesteros and his European colleagues will attempt to blunt the birth of an exciting new era in American golf when The Players Championship starts here today on the Sawgrass Stadium course.

Paul Azinger's success in the Bay Hill Classic in Orlando on Sunday reinforced the belief that a class of ambitious aspirants is at last emerging to challenge the experienced brigade headed by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

Already this year Steve Pate (Tournament of Champions and San Diego Open) has caught the public's imagination, along with Jay Haas (Chrysler Classic), Steve Jones (AT & T), Chip Beck (Los Angeles Open) and Joey Sindelar (Honda Classic).

The problem is that the American nation is becoming increasingly perturbed at the inability of these fresh-faced newcomers to confirm the potential by dominating the major championships. Even Bob Tway failed in 1986, despite winning the US PGA Championship, to lead Greg Norman, of Australia, in the money list and Larry Mize has achieved little since his spectacular triumph in the US Masters 12 months ago.

The most damaging result to American morale, apart from the two reversals in the Ryder Cup, came in this tournament last year, when Sandy Lyle came through to win a play-off against Jeff Sluman. Once again The Players Championship, proclaimed by the US PGA Tour as the world's fifth major championship, had escaped the grasp of an up-and-coming American golfer. Lyle caused further embarrassment earlier this year when he won the Phoenix Open.

Even so, with the US Masters just around the corner, in the next 18 days the Azingers and Pates have a clear opportunity to establish themselves. Whether one of them can grasp greatness remains to be seen. Their task will not be made easier by a strong European presence here.

Ballesteros has not won on American soil since the New Orleans tournament three years ago and only last month failed to survive the halfway cut in the Los Angeles Open. He also fell victim to the guillotine here in 1985 and finished 65th 12 months ago.

The Spaniard, however, would appear to be brimming with confidence again, especially after his victory in the Majorcan Open, and he is among the favourites to win the first prize of $225,000 (about £123,000).

Ken Brown, Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer all possess previous knowledge of this examining course but for Ian Woosnam it will be a challenging new experience.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	388	4	10	395	4
2	511	5	11	529	5
3	162	3	12	336	4
4	360	4	13	172	3
5	454	4	14	438	4
6	381	4	15	426	4
7	439	4	16	497	5
8	215	3	17	132	3
9	582	5	18	440	4
Out	3,492	36	In	3,365	36

Total yardage: 6,857 Par: 72

Woosnam, still playing with his old Dunlop clubs as his new Maruman irons are being adjusted in Japan, insists that his game is not sharp enough for him to win. "Last year I thought I could win every time I teed up," he said. "I haven't got that feeling this season . . . yet."

It is not for the want of trying. Woosnam is employing a piece of plastic tubing, rather like an oval hoola-hoop, which he places over his head down to his shoulders so that he can practise swinging on the correct plain.

"I've been hitting 500 balls a day and my hands have been bleeding," he added. "I've had little time to rest because I also have to do a series of exercises twice a day because one month ago I was told that I am suffering from spondylitis, although fortunately it isn't active."

MOTOR RACING

Shake-down given to new McLaren

By John Blunsden

The first of the cars which Alain Prost, the double world champion, and his new Honda Marlboro McLaren team partner, Ayrton Senna, will use for the 1988 Formula One season was completed earlier this week. It is now undergoing shake-down tests prior to be air-freighted to Brazil for the opening race of the season, which takes place on April 3.

Designated the MP4/4, the car will be used at least for the first half of the season. Produced by a design group headed by Steve Nichols under the overall direction of Gordon Murray, it has a superficial similarity to its predecessor and features the same form of carbon-fibre composite construction for its central monocoque.

But changes in regulations have dictated that, in fact, it is virtually brand new from the wheels up.

The cockpit has been repositioned within the wheel base to enable the driver's feet to be contained behind the front wheel centre line for crash protection, and smaller radiators have been fitted following the reduction in engine turbo boost pressure from 4 to 2.5 bar. The car also features a novel three-shaft gear box of McLaren manufacture.

Although Prost and Senna will start the season with 1½-litre Honda turbo engines, a McLaren test car to take the 3½-litre normally-aspirated Honda development engine is nearing completion and will be used for a test programme being conducted by the team in Japan.

Emanuele Pirro has been assigned to the Honda/McLaren test programme, and a second development car will be constructed to enable a parallel 3½-litre programme to be conducted in Europe.

Like other teams committed to turbos at the start of their final season of eligibility, McLaren see 1988 as a transitional year and are expected to move quickly should it prove desirable to change cars in mid-season and contest later races with 3½-litre vehicles.

HOCKEY

Botterill's decisive last strike

By David Chappell

England A	1
Scotland	1

England A won the British University's Sports Federation women's tournament for the second time in three years at Swansea yesterday, completing their five matches unbeaten with Scotland finishing second and denying England a clean sweep from the three days.

The Scots, needing to win the final match by three goals, missed two good opportunities from short corner moves in the first half then fought back once they had fallen behind through Susan MacDonald's penalty stroke with 15 minutes left.

It was fitting that Jane Botterill should secure England's success. The captain and sweeper marshalled her side well throughout the tournament and her fierce shot from England's fourth short corner ended Scotland's slim hopes.

ENGLAND A: J Lewis; J Botterill, S Mills (all Loughborough), S Haigh (Newcastle), J McAdoo, C Boone, (both Loughborough, sub: A Howett, Reading), A Bard, C Slater, (both Loughborough), J Berrill (Warwick), C Cooke (Bradford), S Le Huray (Durham, sub: K Willis, Loughborough).

SCOTLAND: J McCammon, M Carswell, R Fraser, C Dunlop, (all Edinburgh), G Johnston (Strathclyde), C Sargent, H Law, S MacDonald (all Edinburgh), L Chirrey (Strathclyde), E Edreira, (sub: S Lelak, both Edinburgh). Umpires: C Shearman and S Jones (both Wales).

● Northern Ireland swept into the men's semi-finals with some incisive play in a 5-1 win over Wales. Hamilton scored three times for the Irish, who qualified with London from Group B to join Cambridge and Universities Athletic Union II.

RESULTS: Men: Group A: Oxford 1, UAU I 5; UAU II 0, Cambridge 7. Group B: Wales 1, Northern Ireland 5; London 3, Scotland 1. Women: London-Oxford-Cambridge 0, England A 2; Northern Ireland 4, Wales 0; Scotland 2, England B 0; Northern Ireland 1, London/Oxford/Cambridge 0; England B 0, Wales 2; England A 1, Scotland 1.

Australia tested by Britain

By Cathy Harris

Australia maintained their unbeaten record when they narrowly defeated Great Britain 1-0 in the Esanda six nation women's international tournament in Perth yesterday. The start of the match was delayed by an hour because of torrential rain.

Britain lined up without their forward, Kate Parker, who has a broken finger, but their defence was strengthened by the return of Jill Atkins, who has recovered from a muscle injury, and their most experienced player, Violet McBride, who was rested for the New Zealand match.

Australia, seeded second for the Olympic tournament, were made to work hard for their win in an excellent match. They encountered a determined defence with Wendy Banks in Britain's goal making some outstanding saves.

Sally Carbon, aged 20, the newcomer in the Australian side, scored the decisive goal six minutes into the second half when she pounced on a rebound from a penalty corner.

With 20 minutes remaining, Dennis Hay, the British coach, introduced the forward, Jane Sixsmith, in a vain attempt to equalize and although Britain came desperately close in the last minute Australia held on for a deserved win.

In another match Canada held the lively South Korean team to a goalless draw and in today's game Great Britain have a tough test against The Netherlands, the Olympic and world champions.

AUSTRALIA: K Partridge, E Clements, L Tooth, L Dorman, L Capes, M Capes, K Small, S Carbon, T Belbin, R Hawkes, S Pepmore.

GREAT BRITAIN: W Banks, M MacLeod, J Atkins, B Hamby, V McBride, C Rule, C Jordan (sub: J Sixsmith), K Brown, W Fraser, A Ramsay, G Brown.

ATHLETICS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLACES WELSH RUNNER CENTRE STAGE

Tooby rises to a poetic mission

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Auckland

Poetry does not figure highly in the training regime of many runners. But a couple of stanzas caught Angela Tooby's imagination here the other day as she was leafing through a copy of a local running magazine.

"I just had to cut it out and stick it in my training diary, because I think it sums up the difference in my attitude nowadays."

The lines are by American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson:

If you think you're outclassed, you are,
You've got to think hard to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Just over four years ago, I wrote an article on the identical Tooby twins, whose initial attraction was as much their physical similarity and *Doppelganger* philosophy as their running talent. But, in saying that Angela could win the English cross-country championship the following weekend, I inadvertantly increased the pressure of expectation on her. She was so unprepared for it that she dropped out of the race after 250 metres, simulating a turned ankle.

"Susan and I have big arguments about that race. She reckoned *I* thought about dropping out before *I* even started. I *was* under pressure. I was hysterical. But I'll never drop out again, unless I'm injured."

Angela redeemed herself by finishing equal first with Susan in the Welsh championship the following week, thus qualifying for the 1984 world cross-country championship in New York, her first big international race. But, even finishing eighth, she was still lacking the temperament.

"I was just in awe of everybody, I didn't know who the big names were. I thought it was good just to have made it to the world championship. Now I'm a lot more mature as runner, I want to win it."

The fact that Tooby stands a very good chance of doing so, here on the Ellerslie Racecourse on Saturday afternoon has so far been obscured by the continuing farrago over Zola Budd. But Tooby has beaten Budd, the 1985 and 1986 champion, convincingly on two occasions this year, and goes into the championship unbeaten and with six wins by 30 seconds or more.

"But every time I've beaten Zola, it's been out of the public eye. I wanted to thrash her again in a race like this, so everybody will know I can. She knows it."

That was not said as venomously as it reads. Tooby is not like that, far from it. In fact, Tooby regrets Budd's absence. "I'm sorry for her, and for the team, because it means we won't win" Tooby is right about Budd, who admitted last week, "I think Angela has as good a chance to win as anybody. She's so strong this year". Realistically, there are only two women here currently capable of beating Tooby: Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway, winner of the world 15-kilometre road title in Adelaide last Sunday, and Lynn Jennings of the United States.

They were third and fourth last year, while Liz McColgan, who as Miss Lynch was second last year, is not running, and Tooby discounts the somewhat surprising 1987 winner, Annette Sergent, of France.

"Sergent isn't on good form this year. And she's smiling and saying hallo. She wouldn't do that if she thought she could win. I've written her off.

"I think Ingrid's beatable, the road is different to cross-country. But I hear Jennings is going around telling people that she's really ready to demolish the field. That's the sort of thing I should be saying, isn't it?"

Despite a dark glimmer of the old doubt creeping in disconcertingly, Tooby will never be better prepared, a combination of 11 months of injury-free training and the legacy of two-and-a-half years coaching by Harry Wilson, who still cannot tell the difference between the twins. "He says he can, but I doubt it sometimes."

Angela is currently sporting a streak of colour in her hair, and saving everyone the embarrassment of identification. Competitively, the ways are also parting, with Susan, although still capable of the first dozen here, concentrating on the London marathon, while Angela is staying with the 10,000 metres for the Olympic Games.

The belief expressed in the final stanza of the Emerson poem is central to the pursuit of sporting excellence at every level up to the Olympics.

Life's batties don't always go
to the strongest or fastest man;
But soon or late, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.

Angela Tooby is physically capable of winning the world championship on Saturday. But is there still a doubt that she has that slither of steel in the heart, which, as Graham Greene would have it, separates the artist from the mere performer? We shall soon find out.

Angela Tooby: striding out of the shadow of Zola Budd

Former sailor will be running past his front door in St Katherine's Dock

Youth worker who changed his tack

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By Peter Nichols

There is a lot of David James; the chair in his office can hardly manage it all. His shoulders — Atlas would have envied them, spread heavily over the back of the seat; his long legs sprawled out in front of it. James is 6ft 3in and does not look like a runner. Until February, a year ago, he wasn't one. For most of his life he had not even been on land long enough to try.

James was a sailor; the Royal Navy for eight years, the Cape to Rio race in 1971, then to working in a boatyard on the Isle of Wight, a sailing school in Falmouth and eventually skippering a boat in Chichester.

Then came a change in tack which set him on course for the Mars London Marathon, which he will attempt on April 17 as one of 13 fund-runners representing 12 worthy causes for *The Times*/Tandem Computers Marathon Appeal.

He took that boat from the quiet and untroubled waters of Chichester to the more turbulent waters of the East India Docks, berthed her there and used her as a training base for Tower Hamlets children who had gone off the rails. "They were mostly 12 to 14-year-olds who had been in trouble with the law," he recalls. "It was hard work, but a great introduction to inner city youth work."

Youth work is where he has come to; chief executive of Fairbridge Drake, with an office in Chancery Lane, and a vocation, as he puts it, "to work with the alienated generation of our cities."

Being landlocked has given him the chance to start running, although he hardly savoured the prospect a year ago. "Like most sailors, I hate swimming and I'm not a club type of person, so running was almost the only option."

But from small rivers oceans grow, and, though the early night-time runs round Wapping (he lives on a boat in St Katherine's Dock) were no fun, he now admits not only to enjoyment, but a measure of addiction.

In the Mars London Marathon he will be running for Fairbridge Drake, helping to generate some of the "one third of a million pounds we need just to stand still." His own running aims are modest, four hours 30 minutes, or thereabouts, though there *are* standards. "I'm not allowed to walk. I might crawl, but I mustn't walk."

James: now a landlubber

Time is the problem; fitting in the training around the all-consuming nature of his work, but on the wall behind him, framed, was a Kipling poem that gave the key.

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute,

With sixty seconds worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it..."

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Confident Davies serves up success

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

The West Cup is traditionally a place for big talk and big deeds and in Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this week Laura Davies and Trish Johnson, of Britain, were in confident mood.

"Frankly," Davies said, pausing only to acknowledge yet more congratulations on her win in Tucson on Sunday, "I can't see anyone beating us. We'll take on all challengers and I think we'll win. We haven't really been tested yet."

She was swishing a racket nonchalantly at the time, having just put it to good effect on the tennis courts at Moon Valley, scene of the Standard Register Turquoise Classic — a golf tournament — which starts today.

Davies has been having a day away from the course after the excitement of her first victory on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour, but the lure of the courts proved too strong. She and Johnson, both stylish players, are unbeaten so far and the latest victims, Laura Hurlbut and Sally Quinlan, were seen off 6-4, 6-2.

As for the golf, Johnson is struggling to keep her confidence high after missing three cuts in five starts. Eager for success and not used to waiting for it — she won three tournaments in her first year as a professional last season and was leading qualifier at the LPGA school — she must learn to accept she is still learning her trade.

Davies, on the other hand, is a much more seasoned professional and is temperamentally more inclined to treat those two imposters, triumph and disaster, just the same.

However, her calm acceptance of her success in America should not obscure the fact that it is phenomenal — US Women's Open champion at the second attempt and winner of her first LPGA event in only the fifth week of her first full season in the big league. Normal rules do not apply and her only visible weakness seems to be her second serve.

YACHTING

N Zealand wait for fine-tuning

From Barry Pickthall
San Diego

As fine-tuning problems continued to delay the first test sail of New Zealand's giant America's Cup yacht yesterday, her crew were out practising on the former Whitbread round the world race entry, NZI Enterprise.

The 80-foot Bruce Farr design has been modified to become a two-thirds scale model of the 90ft waterline yacht Michael Fay and his group hope will carry off the cup from San Diego in September.

Her lead keel has been sawn off halfway up the foil and replaced with a wooden fillet to shed 10,000lb of ballast and mirror the stability characteristic of the larger boat.

The ocean-going maxi, which is being used as a test bed for sail shapes and systems, has also been equipped with a bowsprit and beefed-up mast to simulate the 170ft-high rig of the Cup challenger.

Unlike the Americans, who are developing a solid wing-sail for one of their catamarans, the New Zealanders have chosen a standard pear-shaped mast section for their monohull yacht.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Champions to gain equality

Competitors of both sexes will team up for the first time in the Champion of Champions' competition this summer as Britain steps up its campaign to have women modern pentathletes accepted into the Olympics.

The male and female champions of nine European countries will compete against two British pairings in the unique event at Windsor Great Park on July 10.

SKIING

Svet times run to perfection

From Iain Macleod
Saalbach, Austria

Just at a stage in the season when a victory was needed most, Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, yesterday did precisely that.

On the first day of the World Cup finals here, Svet, aged 19, won the final women's giant slalom of the season, and with it, the World Cup title. Two Austrians, Anita Wachter and Ulrike Meier, finished, second and third respectively.

Svet skied two runs of the Zwolferkogel in a combined time of 2min 13.91sec, more than half a second ahead of Wachter, whose own slim chance of the title had depended more on poor performances from Svet, Blanca Fernandez-Ochoe, of Spain, and Catherine Quittet of France.

Quittet, in fact, led the competition going into yesterday's race. But the race for the title had opened up considerably since Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, the Olympic champion and in second place overall, suffered a knee injury at Aspen two weeks ago which put her out for the rest of the season.

Quittet, however, squandered a wonderful chance to further enhance what has been a successful season for the French, when she could only finish in 24th place, with Ochoe, too, disappointing, though in a more respectable eighth place.

Svet, the infant prodigy of the Cirque Blanc, won a silver medal in the Olympic slalom and commonly regarded as the most precocious talent on the circuit has now justified all the accolades bestowed upon her.

Svet, who first shot to prominence when she won a silver and two bronze medals at the 1987 world championships in Crans-Montana, said: "I have only had two days training since I returned from Hawaii and I was not sure how I would manage here. But I knew early on in the first run that I was in good shape."

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TENNIS

League searches for common ground amid varying ideals

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The second Mortgage Corporation national league competition will end on April 17, when Croydon play Bournemouth in the final at Wallington. Team managers will meet at Lawn Tennis Association headquarters on March 24, to discuss the future and find common ground between a variety of collective and individual goals.

The original collective goals (still valid) were to promote the game locally and nationally, stimulate activity at old and new indoor centres, broaden the game's appeal to the public and to sponsors, provide British players with competition and income, and marry tennis and show business in a way that would be fun for everyone concerned.

To some extent, those objectives have been met. But success comes in different forms. Some team managers are intent on winning the competition, others on making money or advertising the advantages of this or that indoor centre, or simply putting on a good show.

John Feaver, the league's director, has this to say about the coming meeting of managers: "We will discuss everything. These are the guys who are going to make it work and we will do as they wish, provided that it's sensible and will benefit the league and the game. But it's not easy to make hard-and-fast rules for 12 successful people with independent views.

"The league has made the game buzz a bit and we had 20,000 spectators watching tennis in February. The benefits are not just financial, but I don't think anybody made a huge loss."

Feaver thinks it possible that, in view of the league's success, money may be made available for any team in trouble. But one would not envy him — nor the rest of the governing panel — the task of defining a deserving cause.

Headley Baxter (Croydon) and David Lloyd (Heston) manage the would-be Manchester Uniteds and Liverpools of the league. They recently asserted that this was costing too much and that more money should be put into the competition. I put it to Lloyd that any organization entering such a competition and losing money should increase income or cut costs (preferably both), or get out.

"That's exactly right," Lloyd said. "But it costs more to put in seats than you can sell them for. You can't increase income unless there's more prize-money. And you can't cut costs on players if you want to have a chance of winning. You have to pay the going rate.

"Match fees can total £4,000 a match. Last season we lost £5,000 and won it."

Ken Weatherley, manager of the comparatively low-keyed but successful Bournemouth team, takes a different approach but is just as outspoken. "I'm an honorary member of West Hants," he said, "and feel a responsibility to make sure that the risk to the club is negligible.

"Last year we made a small profit: and we shall make a profit this year. The extra prize-money can take care of the cost of putting a side on court." This referred to Bournemouth's advance to the final.

"You know how much it's going to cost. An average side would cost about £18,000 for six matches. It costs David and Headley a lot more. If you want to do well, the pressure is on. People go out and pay too much: and that sets the standard.

"Clubs with a profitable business can do what they like. They can take money from the business and put it into the team. Some take the loss of court revenue into account, in terms of costs, but don't always consider the value of the advertising.

"One of the problems with the league is that a lot of it is being taken far too seriously. The original idea was to take top-class tennis to new places and a new public. Most of the team managers have not made money. But they don't all have that objective."

The points raised by Lloyd and Weatherley, two of the 12 team managers, illustrate the problem posed at the beginning of this article: how to honour the league's basic objectives while allowing the constituent teams to follow their own stars. Success demands progress — but the way ahead is not always clear.

SNOOKER

Higgins is awake to big chance

Alex Higgins found a rare ray of sunshine as he edged 4-3 ahead against Dennis Taylor in a fiercely contested first round Benson and Hedges Irish Masters battle at Goffs, Co Kildare (Steve Acteson writes).

Higgins prepared thoroughly by breaking his late night owl habits and a 42 clearance brought the first frame before a rash shot let Taylor back.

Higgins fluked the blue to win the fifth after Taylor remonstrated with John Street, the referee, for calling a miss when he was snookered. Taylor fought level again, but Higgins, finding inspiration from the rowdy crowd, drew ahead to stand a frame from a quarter-final tomorrow with Cliff Thorburn.

RESULTS: First round: (Tuesday): T Knowles (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores: (Knowles first): 52-59, 63-38, 101-6, 89-58, 2-100, 18-65, 103-12, 90-48. Yesterday: A Higgins (N Ire) leads D Taylor (N Ire), 4-3. Frame scores: (Taylor first): 41-64, 92-29, 1-79, 74-33, 82-76, 70-7, 35-91.

ICE SKATING

Polish competitor figures in placings

From John Hennessy, Budapest

The men's world figure skating championship took an unexpected turn yesterday with the elevation of Grzegorz Filipowski, aged 22, of Poland, to second place in the compulsory figures. He had been seventh in both last month's Olympic figures in Calgary and last year's world championship in Cincinnati.

The winner, as expected, was the Soviet Union specialist Alexander Fadeyev. Filipowski was followed in sequence by Brian Boitanio, the Olympic champion of the United States, Heiko Fischer, of West Germany, and Brian Orser, the Canadian holder of the world title.

If the championship is still to be regarded as a dual between Boitanio and Orser, respectively first and second in Calgary, Filipowski has done the Canadian an important service. After the second figure yesterday Filipowski lay fourth.

Under the system of scoring, Boitanio was then in a position of being able to take second place to Orser in both short programme and long and still regain the title he had in 1986. As it is only 1.2 points separate the two main contenders, so that Boitanio now has to win one of the two remaining elements.

COMPULSORY FIGURES: Men: 1, A Fadeyev (USSR), 0.6pts; 2, G Filipowski (Pol), 1.2; 3, B Boitano (US), 1.8; 4, H Fischer (WG), 2.4; 5, B Orser (Can), 3.0; 6, V Petrenko (USSR), 3.6; 7, C Bowman (US), 4.2; 8, V Petrenko (USSR), 4.8; 9, O Hoener (Switz), 5.4; 10, R Burghert (Austria), 6.0. British placing: 19, P Robinson, 11.4.

ICE DANCE (after original set pattern): 1, N Bestemianova and A Bukin (USSR), 1.0pts; 2, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 2.0; 3, T Wilson and R McCall (Can), 3.0; 4, N Annenko and G Sretenski (USSR), 4.0; 5, K and C Beck (Austria), 5.0; 6, I and P Duchesnay (Fr), 6.6; 7, K Engi and A Toth (Hun), 6.8; 8, A and F Becherer (WG), 7.6; 9, S Wynne and J Druar (US), 9.0; 10, L Trovati and R Pelizzola (It), 10.0. British placing: 12, S Jones and P Askham, 12.0.

GOLF

A successful way to beat fatigue

Two golfers from Kent took the weight off their shoulders and found a singular route to success in the Sunningdale foursomes tournament yesterday.

James Spence, aged 24, a tournament professional from the Nevill club, Tonbridge, and Matthew Allen, aged 20, who works for a golf equipment company, reached the last 16 of the event by playing with only one set of clubs.

They decided they could not afford caddies and that two rounds of golf with two bags each day would be too tiring.

Full Sunningdale results

OLD COURSE: Third round: D Wilson (Sunningdale) and P Froggatt (Malone) bt R Whitehead (Moor Park) and L Farmer (W Middlesex), 19th; Mrs J Thornhill (Walton Heath) and Miss V Saunders (Abbotsley) bt I Watts (Cotswold Edge) and G Kite (Yeovil), 6 and 5; G Cowlishaw (Farnham) and S Watkins (Blesborough) bt T Minshall and C Ciesielski (Hill Valley), 4 and 3; V and C Cox (W Essex) bt B Cameron (Sundridge Park) and A Thompson (Chislehurst), 5 and 4; M Devetta and M King (Sunningdale) bt A Clark (Old Fold Manor) and N Lawrence (Harpenden Common), at 20th; Mrs J Collingham and B Waites (Notts) bt G Shipley and G McCarthy (Rochford Hundred), 2 and 1; S Amor (Marlborough) and T Nash (Carlyon) bt C Strathearn and J Early (Ifield), 1 hole; Miss C Hayllar (Blackmoor) and T Stevens (Alton) bt D Russell and P Harrison (unatt), 5 and 4; R Foster (Bradford) and P Baker (unatt) bt I Benson and K Robinson (Blackmoor), 7 and 6; P Morley and R Burgess (Reading) bt I Read and G Hampshire (Minehead), 6 and 5; M Nichols (Wentworth) and P Jones (Wenvoe Castle) bt S Doe (Calderfields) and A Partridge (Moor Hall), 1 hole; A Raitt (Burhill) and J Cowgill (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt D Wood (Rochford Hundred) and G Davies (Pontypool), 2 and 1; J Christine and Miss S Little (Worplesdon) bt G Taylor (Berkshire) and A McCloskey (Airdrie), 2 holes; J Robinson (Woodhall Spa) and M Davis (Thornton Park) bt B Lane (Downshire) and D Williams (Woburn), 2 and 1; D Blakeman (Trentham) and G Broadbent (Bloxwich) bt B and S Proudfoot (Berkhamsted), 3 and 2; C Mason (unatt) and A Chandler (Mere) bt J Martin (Enfield) and K Ashdown (Ilford), 2 and 1. Fourth round: Wilson and Froggatt bt Mrs Thornhill and Miss Saunders, 2 holes; Devetta and King w/o Cox and Cox, ret 12 holes; Cowlishaw and Watkins bt Mrs Collingham and Waites, 2 holes; Nichols and Jones bt Amor and Nash, 4 and 2; Raitt and Cowgill bt Miss Hayllar and Stevens, 1 hole; Foster and Baker bt Christine and Miss Little, 3 and 2; Robinson and Davies bt Morley and Burgess, 4 and 3; Mason and Chandler bt Blakeman and Broadbent, 6 and 5; McClelland and Elson by Brake and Edmunds, 5 and 3; Miss McKenna and Mrs Garner bt Maxwell and Brito e Cunha, 5 and 4; Blenkarne and Lyddon bt Cooper and Boxall, 19th; Weir and Puttick bt Dawson and Miss Sharp, 1 hole; Spence and Allen bt Symons and Moore, 3 and 2; Miss Shapcott and Hares bt McLean and Cameron, 5 and 4; Grant and Burke bt Walker and Charlton, 21st; Young and Stott bt Cook and Broadbent, 1 hole.

NEW COURSE: Third round: Miss M McKenna (Donabate) and Mrs M Garner (unatt) bt A White and W Marchbank (Gleneagles Hotel), 2 holes; N Blenkarne (Salisbury and S Wilts) and A Lyddon (Knole) bt S Barr (Bamehurst) and D Regan (W Byfleet), 4 and 3; J Weir (Sunningdale) and B Puttick (Ramsey) bt P Carr (Sunningdale) and Mrs A Uzielli (Berkshire), 2 and 1; M Symons (Tavistock) and R Moore (St Mellion) bt L Warwick (Rochford Hundred) and D Pugh (Wanstead), 3 and 2; M Walker and D Charlton (Dunstable Downs) bt G Bothwell (W Middlesex) and R Willison (Ealing), 5 and 3; P Dawson and Miss C Sharp (unatt) bt R Fish (Borbridge) and J Higgins (Patshull Park), 1 hole; J Spence and M Allen (Nevill) bt N Job and O St Browne (Richmond), 20th; W Grant (Cuddington) and N Burke (Chipstead) bt D Ray (unatt) and A Sharborne (Long Ashton), 2 holes; Miss S Shapcott and D Hares (Knowle) bt T Parker (Bootle) and M Wiggins (Porters Park), 2 and 1; A McLean (Duddingston) and N Cameron (Cardross) bt G Milne and D Gosling (Exeter), 4 and 3; I Young (Stoneham) and H Stott (Shirley Park) bt D Hulsh (N Berwick) and Miss G Stewart (unatt) 2 and 1; J Cook (Leamington and C) and P Broadhurst (Atherstone) bt D Talbot and P Talbot (Royal Mid-Surrey), 23rd; D McClelland (Tilgate Forest) and P Elson (Stratford) bt D James (Southerness) and Miss M Wright (Dumfries), 5 and 4; K Brake (Calcot Park) and G Edmunds (Hawthorne Hill) bt M Deeley and R Fletcher (Matlock), 3 and 2; K Maxwell and N de Brito e Cunha (Sunningdale) bt D Honan and B Hunt (Foxhills), 1 hole; D Cooper (Birchwood) and R Boxall (Camberley Heath) bt Mrs W Wooldridge (Wentworth) and B Turner (Sunningdale Artisans), 4 and 3.

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Malta 1, Scotland 1.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final, second leg: England 1, Scotland 0 (England win 2-0 on agg).

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Hull City v Swindon Town. Third division: Mansfield Town 1, Aldershot 0. Fourth division: Burnley 2, Leyton Orient 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Peterborough United 1; Wrexham 3, Exeter City 0. Postponed: Colchester United v Hereford United.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath City 3, Weymouth 1; Macclesfield 3, Wealdstone 2; Sutton United 3, Enfield 3; Telford United 2, Kettering Town 3.

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clyde 4, Airdrieonians 2; Dumbarton 1, Partick Thistle 2. Second division: Alloa Athletic 1, Stranraer 1.

BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-final replay: Distillery 0, Ballymena 3.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon 1, Crusaders 0; Larne 0, Coleraine 4. Postponed: Bangor v Linfield.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 1, Aston Villa 3; Coventry 3, Leicester 2; Derby 0, Manchester United 1; Everton 0, Huddersfield 0; Leeds 1, Bradford City 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Grimsby 2; Sunderland 1, Liverpool 1. Second division: Middlesbrough 0, Preston 0; Rotherham 2, Port Vale 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Charlton 3, Oxford United 2; Millwall 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Swindon 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Watford 1, Ipswich 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Leyton-Wingate 1; Basingstoke 1, Hitchin 0; Carshalton 1, Slough 1; Dulwich 0, Croydon 1; Hayes 2, Wokingham 1; Hendon 1, St Albans 1; Windsor and Eton 5, Harrow 2. First division: Basildon 1, Hampton 0; Lewes 1, Woking 3; Staines 2, Southwick 1; Walthamstow 2, Stevenage 0; Walton and Hersham 4, Chesham 0; Wembley 0, Marlow 4; Worthing 2, Uxbridge 1. Second division north: Aveley 1, Harlow 1; Clapton 0, Finchley 1; Hertford 0, Rainham 0; Hornchurch 0, Collier Row 0; Saffron Walden 1, Letchworth 0; Witham 2, Heybridge 2. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter 1, Dorking 1; Eastbourne United 0, Epsom and Ewell 2; Harefield 3, Camberley 2; Hungerford 2, Egham 2; Newbury 1, Southall 1; Whyteleafe 4, Chertsey 1; Yeading 1, Metropolitan Police 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Semi-finals, second leg: Postponed: Barrow v Marine; Southport v Goole. Premier division: Witton 1, Chorley 1. Postponed: Matlock v Frickley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove 3, Ashford 0; Dorchester 2, Chelmsford 1; Redditch 0, VS Rugby 0. Postponed: Willenhall v Cambridge City; Witney v Bedworth. Midland division: Atherstone 0, Dudley 1; Buckingham 1, Mile Oak 0; Moor Green 3, Bridgnorth 1; Stourbridge 1, Banbury 3. Southern division: Baldock 0, Sheppey 1; Chatham 0, Poole 1; Folkestone 3, Hounslow 2; Thanet 2, Burnham 1.

HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Boreham Wood 3, Tring 2 (aet; 2-2 after 90min).

BEDFORDSHIRE PREMIER CUP: Final: Vauxhall Motors 4, Leighton 0.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Bromley 3, Woodford 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min).

FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round replay: Tottenham 2, Reading 1.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: FC Homburg 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Bayer Leverkusen 3, Schalke 2; Bochum 1, Kaiserslautern 1; Stuttgart 3, Hanover 1.

DRESSAGE

Proof there is no match for experience

Two grandmothers, Lady Elizabeth Joicey and Delia Cunningham, showed the younger generation how to ride dressage when taking the first two places in the opening test at the selection trials at Stoneleigh.

The younger, Lady Elizabeth Joicey, was the victor on Aconto, who she has been riding for just 18 months. Lady Joicey has ridden two horses on British teams: Pussycat (reserve 1976 Olympics) and Powder Monkey (1984 world championships), but at this stage Aconto, a 10-year-old, looks much the most talented. He flows through the movement of the Prix St Georges with such ease he finished 23 marks ahead of Master Doruto.

RESULTS: Prix St George: 1, Aconto (Lady Joicey), 503pts; 2, Master Doruto (D Cunningham), 480; 3, Chaucer (D Hunt), 465; 4, Amigo (M Morley), 450.

ATHLETICS

Time to spare: Yiannis Kouros, the Greek ultra-distance runner, crosses the line to win the 634-mile Sydney to Melbourne race yesterday, having started 12 hours later than his rivals

SPORTS COUNCIL

Warning against too little depth to sport in schools

By John Goodbody

Elizabeth Murdoch, who last year wrote the desk study for the government on school sport, yesterday warned of the dangers of superficiality in the physical education programme.

Murdoch, who is one of Britain's most distinguished physical educationalists, said that the curriculum in many schools now offered a wide range of activities. "There is a danger in this, since it can very easily lead to a superficiality of treatment that results in there being no consolidated learning and therefore no carry-forward of competence.

"Some activities take longer than others to be fully absorbed and for the participant to master the essential skills," she said.

"It is a false notion that a taster of many will lead to a wish to pursue in later in life."

Nevertheless Murdoch, who was speaking at the Sports Council Recreation Management seminar at Wembley, stressed that every child should have the opportunity to take part in a number of different sports and should be in a position to make "informed selection that leads the necessary choices later in life."

Murdoch, who is head of Chelsea College at Brighton Polytechnic, said that although physical education can play a role in producing the country's sportsmen and women, it cannot answer all the expectations based on it. After all, she said, although physical education and sport are closely related, they are not synonymous, as many people think.

Murdoch added there was no truth in the belief that "the new PE" has destroyed the competitive experience for children. Competition, she pointed out, has been seen as synonymous with inter-school matches. "Such matches are certainly competitive but do not hold the only experience of competition for the pupils," she said.

"The media has been responsible for a storm in a tea-cup and this has had the support of those who perceive their sport as receiving less attention and support than is seen as essential," she added.

Standards to be set for slides

The British Standards Institute has set up a technical committee to establish uniform criteria for waterchutes and slides (John Goodbody writes). There has been widespread concern at the safety levels of waterslides after a number of deaths and accidents in recent years.

The committee will consist of representatives from the Health and Safety Commission (HSC), the Sports Council, manufacturers and operators and it will lay down a legally enforceable standard.

Officials of the HSC said yesterday that the number of fatal accidents that occur by using waterchutes are minimal compared to the number of users. But children who descend the chute upright when they are out of sight of the supervisor cause problems.

Dr John Cullen, chairman of the HSC said yesterday that waterslides give much pleasure and there should not be unnecessarily restriction. The important thing, he said, is that the equipment is properly designed and the supervision is adequate.

Dr Cullen was launching a booklet *Safety in Swimming Pools*, which is the first comprehensive guide on the subject.

● The National Coaching Foundation yesterday launched a series of sports books to help coaches of all levels in all activities. The first two books are *Using a Video in Sport* (£11.95) by Keith Lyons and *Coaches's Guide to Time Management* (£12.95) by Charles Kozoll, published by Springfield Books Limited.

SQUASH RACKETS

Scots survive a scare

From Colin McQuillan, Warmond, The Netherlands

The ICI European team championship began here yesterday, a blend of enthusiastic amateurism with calculated professionalism.

As defending champions in both the men's and women's events, England received byes to the second round.

On the side courts meanwhile, the Irish women beat Austria comprehensively; Wales were involved with a Swiss women's team that favoured a cowbell as supporting clarion; and the Scotsmen were meeting Julien Bonetat.

Fifteen years old, clad in red, white and blue, five-feet tall, fresh-faced and topped by a mass of black curls, the young Bonetat resembles more a mischievous leprechaun than a serious French sportsman. But he lives around his father's squash club, is coached four hours a day by John Elstob, the French No. 1, and he gave Graham Sword, the Scottish fifth string, all sorts of trouble before fading to a 2-9 6-9 9-3 9-2 9-4 defeat.

What with the cowbells and the French excitement, England probably did the right thing slipping off for the afternoon snooze before their own matches against the men of Israel and the women of Italy.

RESULTS: First Round: Women: Ireland bt Austria 3-0. (Ireland names first) R Best bt B Marshall 9-0, 9-3, 9-1; M Burke bt G Truley 9-0, 9-1, 9-6; Y Jackson bt A Reslor 9-4, 9-0, 9-1. Wales 2, Switzerland 1 (Welsh names first): S Johnson lost to B Hartman 1-9, 3-9, 8-10; S Fury bt M Donatsch 10-9, 9-5, 7-9, 9-5; S Stevenson bt C Schleppritzi 9-6, 9-6, 9-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Warburton continues to progress

Nine of the players who took part in the UAU and Polytechnic finals last week are included in the British students team to meet their French counterparts in Apt, near Avignon this evening.

One of the two Cambridge representatives in the party, Neil Warburton, is completing his PhD in aesthetics and had never played the 13-a-side game before this season.

TEAM: C Connolly (Univ of Aberystwyth), J Wing (West London IHE), S Heslop (Leeds Polytechnic), M Richardson (Loughborough Univ), J Woodward (Cambridge Univ), D Brennan (Sheffield Poly), M Hancock (Leeds Poly, capt), S Davidson (Leeds Univ), N Warburton (Cambridge Univ), C Linfield (Sheffield Poly), M Freeman (Loughborough Univ), J Hazzard (Leeds Poly), M Keebles (Leeds Poly).

RUGBY UNION

Blackheath prove no match for rampant Saracens

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Blackheath	12
Saracens	48

Saracens hoisted themselves to second place in division two of the Courage clubs' championship by virtue of their runaway win at the Rectory Field yesterday, by five goals, three tries and two penalty goals, to a goal and two penalties.

It gives them a theoretical chance of promotion, although Liverpool-St Helens have a game in hand and seem more likely to accompany Rosslyn Park into higher realms next season. Just as likely, indeed, as Blackheath are to find themselves struggling desperately on the far side of the world next week.

They omitted several senior players yesterday so that those who are flying to New Zealand at the weekend to help Christchurch celebrate their 125th birthday could have a game together.

The inexperience of the replacements showed, hard though they tried to rally in the final quarter when Saracens had largely lost interest.

The first three quarters of the game — it could scarcely be called a match — resembled a training run for Saracens.

With the strong wind at their backs, they led 30-0 at the interval and then found that even fortune was on their side in the shape of the interception and rebound which helped Smith and McLagan to their second try each.

Their best, perhaps, was their first try: Adamson won the line-out and Buckton, who in May will be Australia-bound with England, glided through the centre before sending a long and perfectly weighted pass to McLagan.

BLACKHEATH: M Aris; M Brannigan, G Marshall, R Smith, D Craig; J King, M Holcombe; M Grier, M Evans, R Sellars, M Wilden, M Harris, D Hursey, M Russell. (Replacement: P Harrison), P Vaughan.

SCORERS: Try: Aris. Conversion: Brannigan. Penalties: Brannigan (2).

SARACENS: S Robinson; P Barcelon, J Buckton, L Smith, D McLagan; N Holmes, F Steadman; R Andrews, J McFarland, C Roberts, P Lindley, M Pattinson, L Adamson, A Phillips, D Catchpole.

Scorers: Tries: Smith (2), McLagan (2), Catchpole, Lindley, Barcelon, Holmes. Conversions: Holmes (5). Penalties: Holmes (2).

Dominant Ampleforth

Ampleforth maintained their reputation as the "Liverpool" of the Rosslyn Park national school sevens by winning the festival at Roehampton yesterday for the second successive year and the fifth time in seven seasons.

In a one-sided final, they beat Trent College, no mean side in the earlier rounds, 24-4, with a splendid mix of slick passing and irresistible support play which set them apart from all their rivals.

Oxley, Auty, Bingham and Whitelaw scored tries and Booth, the captain and scrum half, kicked all four conversions with nonchalant ease. Quinn's consolation try for Trent was scant reward for their hard work

Elsewhere on a windy day, the open event was given an international flavour by the presence of several representative sides warming up for the world schools' sevens this weekend. The Japanese supplied some deft touches, but arguably the best entertainment originated from much closer to home, as Strade were a delight to watch.

RESULTS FROM ROSSLYN PARK

FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

Sixth round: Kingswood 24, Austin Friars 6; Ampleforth 18, Bedford Modern 10; Christ College, Brecon 22, Oratory 4; Taunton 12, St John's, Leatherhead 4; Cheltenham 12, Haberdashers' Aske's 0; Trent College 12, King's, Taunton 4; Monmouth 6, Rossall 10; St Bees 18, St Edmund's, Oxford 10. Quarter-finals: Kingswood 0, Ampleforth 20; Christ College, Brecon 6, Taunton 12; Cheltenham 4, Trent College 24; Rossall 6, St Bees 10 (aet).

OPEN TOURNAMENT

GROUP A: First round: London Oratory 17, Sir Thomas Picton 6; Kenya 8, Reigate 8. Second round: Broxbourne 10, Sir Thomas Picton 4; Reigate 4, London Oratory 28.

GROUP B: First round: Campion 22, Emanuel 8; Cheshunt 0, St Mary's, Crosby 28. Second round: Newcastle under Lyme 8, Emanuel 8; St Mary's 0, Campion 22.

GROUP C: First round: Hymers 28, St Benedict's 10; Sri Lanka 8, Chichester 6. Second round: Strade 26, St Benedict's 0; Chichester 0, Hymers 26.

GROUP D: First round: RGS Guildford 14, Solihull 6; St Joseph's, Ipswich 10, Rydal 0. Second round: Millfield 12, Solihull 6; Rydal 6, RGS Guildford 13.

GROUP E: First round: Eltham 10, Japan 4; Belmont Abbey 0, RGS High Wycombe 15. Second round: Newport 0, Japan 34; RGS High Wycombe 16, Eltham 4.

GROUP F: First round: City of London Freeman's 0, King Edward's, Nuneaton 20; Gunnersbury 0, Cwmtawe 12. Second round: Terenure 36, King Edward's 0; Cwmtawe 0, City of London Freeman's 4.

GROUP G: First round: Coopers 18, Magnus 0; King Edward VI, Morpeth 18, St David's 10. Second round: Saintbridge 22, Magnus 0; St David's 14, Cooper's 0.

GROUP H: First round: Birkenhead 22, Maidstone 12. Second round: Gresham's 24, Maidstone 0; St Mary's and St Joseph's 12, Birkenhead 6.

GROUP I: First round: Richmond on Thames 12, King Henry VIII, Coventry 8; Denmark 4, Malvern 10. Second round: Plymouth 26, Malvern 4; King Henry VIII 18, Denmark 3.

GROUP J: First round: Merchant Taylors' 10, Tiffin 8; King's, Macclesfield 10, St Edmund's 4. Second round: France 10, Tiffin 9; St Edmund's 0, Merchant Taylor's 24.

GROUP K: First round: John Fisher 0, King's, Worcester 18; Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 16, New College, Cardiff 0.

GROUP L: First round: Hampton 18, Manchester GS 8; Belgium scratched.

GROUP M: First round: Bassaleg 4, Latymer Upper 6.

GROUP N: First round: Chislehurst and Sidcup 18, Nottingham HS 12: St Edward's, Liverpool 20, Ashville 4.

GROUP O: First round: Tasker Milward 8, St Augustine's 4; Worth 10, Aylesbury 14.

ROWING

Cambridge display grit against national eight

By Jim Railton

Cambridge University yesterday afternoon were brave enough to take on superior opposition in the shape of the national eight, who were preparing for the Olympic Regatta in Seoul. They were observed by the Oxford coaches and had to travel some way up-stream to find rowable conditions.

The crews contested four set-pieces, building up from one minute to four. The national squad, as expected, won each time, but Cambridge gave a commendable performance. The squad took three-quarters of a length in the one-minute row.

Then the squad moved out to two lengths in two minutes. Cambridge showed grit in the longer pieces. The squad could only take 1½ lengths in three minutes and two lengths in four.

Organizers confirmed yesterday that the Boat Race, in a week on Saturday to contest the Beefeater Gin Trophy, will take place at 2.15 p.m., although the programme will state 2.30.

Yesterday Oxford enjoyed the day to themselves and in the morning they had a long, controlled row from the boat race finish to Hammersmith Bridge.

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford: 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Cambridge: 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (all from Putney).

OXFORD: *H M Pelham (St Edward's, Oxford and Christ Church), bow; *P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford); *R Hall (Wymondham, Robinson College, Cambridge and Oriel); C G Penny (St Georges, Princeton University and St John's); *T A D Cadoux-Hudson (Radley, St Mary's Hospital, London and New College); *G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham); J W C Searle (Hampton and Christ Church); M Gaffney (Avon Old Farms, Connecticut, US Naval Academy and Hertford), stroke; *A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), cox.

CAMBRIDGE: R S N Ames (Eton and Trinity), bow; M J K Smith (Shrewsbury and Magdalene); J C T Pepperell (Oundle and Sidney Sussex); *R A B Spink (Sherborne and Downing); *J R Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC); G R Pooley (Berkhamsted, Imperial College and LMBC); *N J Grundy (St Edward's, Oxford and Jesus); *M J Brittle (Hampton and Robinson), stroke; S J Loveridge (Radley and Trinity), cox.

*A Blue

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

International match

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Moran, Kelly 15,000

WELLINGTON: Olympic Oceania qualifying group: Australia 1, New Zealand; Israel 5, China-Taipei 0. Overall positions: (after five rounds): 1, Australia, 8pts; 2, Israel, 7; 3, New Zealand, 5; 4, China-Taipei, 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: (at San Benedetto Del Tronto, Italy): France 2, Italy 2. (France qualify for semi-finals). (at Ceske Budejovice, Czechoslovakia): Czechoslovakia 2, Greece 2. (Greece qualify for semi-finals).

ATHLETICS

SEDBERGH SCHOOL: Wilson road race (10 miles): 1, M A Gaskell, 1hr 15min 15.8sec; 2, R H D Clark, 1:15:48; 3, D S Hunter, 1:17:19.

CRICKET

HARARE: Tour match: Zimbabwe B 108 and 38-0; Sri Lanka B 357 for 5 dec (Wickramasinghe 69, Da Silva 75, Tilakaratne 71 not out, Jumangpathy 60).

CYCLING

BARCELONA: Catalan week race: Second stage (Spanish unless stated): First section (120km): 1, M Hermans (Neth), 3hr 3min 11sec; 2, J Lammerts (Neth); 3, A da Silva (Por); 4, W Peeters (Bel); 5, I Gaston; 6, P Stevenhaagen (Neth), same time. Other: 7, S Kelly (Ire), same time. Second section (37km): 1, Hermans, 52min 15sec; 2, M Indurain, same time; 3, Peeters; 4, A da Silva; 5, A Gutierrez; 6, Kelly, all same time. Third section (151km): 1, I Gaston 4:57.54; 2, J L Laguia; 3, J Draaijer (Neth); 4, Stevenhaagen; 5, S Kelly (Ire); 6, F Garnier (Fr), all same time. Leading positions (after three stages): 1, Kelly, 15hr 3min 29sec; 2, Peeters, 15:03:30; 3, Garnier; 4, de Silva; 5, Stevenhaagen; 6, Gaston, all same time.

ETON FIVES

HOLMWOODS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Preparatory semi-finals: Howe and Black (Aysgarth) bt Robinson and Smart (Highgate) 2-0; Illingworth and Yarde-Buller (Sunningdale) bt Stern and Sicnaio (Highgate) 2-0. Final: Illingworth and Yarde-Buller bt Howe and Black, 2-0. Open semi-finals: J Pearson and P Gordos (Wolverhampton) bt D Wass and J Dale (Highgate), 3-1; M De Souza Girao and N Chellaram (Harrow) bt D Luka and J Halstead (Highgate), 3-1. Final: De Souza Gira and Chellaram bt Pearson and Gordos 3-1. U14 final: M Ross and J Harding (Wolverhampton) bt J Dale and J Walsh (Eton), 3-1.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit Pistons 123, Indiana Pacers 104; New Jersey Nets 102, Philadelphia 76ers 90; Dallas Mavericks 124, New York Knicks 105; Milwaukee Bucks 111, Atlanta Hawks 98; Denver Nuggets 138, San Antonio Spurs 109; Utah Jazz 103, Phoenix Suns 96; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Houston Rockets 95.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 6, Detroit Red Wings 4; Hartford Whalers 4, Winnipeg Jets 3; Buffalo Sabres 3, New York Rangers 2; Boston Bruins 3, Philadelphia Flyers 0; St Louis Blues 5, Washington Capitals 3; Vancouver Canucks 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3.

BOWLS

INDOOR COUNTY MATCH: Oxford 124, Somerset 117.

MODERN PENATHLON

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: Olympic qualifying competition: Men (after riding, fencing and swimming): 1, Gvarci (It), 3,340pts; 2, Vagorashin (USSR), 3,334; 3, Toraldo (Italy), 3,290. British: 18, Phelps, 3,078; 23, Brookhouse, 3,058; 42, Hart, 2,906. Teams: 1, USSR, 9,806; 2, Italy, 9,702; 3, France, 9,376; 6, Britain, 9,042. Women (after riding, fencing and swimming): 1, Arata (US), 3,306pts; 2, Krapp (WG), 3,250; 3, Danielson (Swe), 3,172. British: 8, Cox, 3,040; 17, Flaherty, 2,948; 20, Furton, 2,874. Teams: 1, US, 9,392; 2, Sweden, 9,368; 3, Italy, 9,232; 4, Britain, 8,840.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Blackheath 12, Saracens 48.

TOUR MATCH: Pontyclun 6, Toshiba (Japan) 9.

CLUB MATCHES: Northampton 12, Metropolitan Police 6; Clifton 3, Bristol 30; Askeans Princes 9, West London IHE 7. Postponed: Maesteg v South Glamorgan Institute; Vale of Lune v Lancaster University.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World Championship qualifying tournament: First round: G Miles (Eng) bt D Hughes (Eng), 10-3; C Roscoe (Wales) bt E McLaughlin (Scot), 10-1; A Harris (Eng) bt S Mizerak (US), 10-3; N Gilbert (Eng) bt J Rea (Scot), 10-5; B Rowswell (Eng) leads P Thornley (Eng), 5-4; B Oliver (Eng) leads D Chalmers (Eng), 5-4; B Kelly (Ire) leads A Kearney (Ire), 7-2.

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Milton Keynes 55, Peterborough 37.

STUDENT SPORT

WALSALL GALA BATHS: BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS: (Winners only): Diving: Springboard: Men: C Honey (Oxford), 264.30pts. Women: S Morrison (Cardiff), 180.15. Highboard: Men: A Parkes (Cardiff), 145.40. Women: Morrison, 233.55. Swimming: Men: 4 x 1 individual medley: M Hodgson (Oxford), 1:25.84. 220yds breaststroke: D Rolley (Swansea), 2:23.71. 110yds backstroke: G Goudie (Swansea), 1:01.96. 220yds freestyle: D Charles (Cardiff), 2:01.48. 110yds butterfly: J Bradley (Bath), 59.07. 4 x 110yds freestyle relay: Swansea 3:43.69. 440yds freestyle: S Brown (Loughborough), 4:22.54secs. 110yds breaststroke: Rolley, 1:08.15. 110yds freestyle: Bradley, 53.53secs. 220yds backstroke: A Rose (Swansea), 2.18.89. 220yds butterfly: Rolley, 2:08.37. 4 x 110yds medley relay: Swansea, 4:12.10. 8 x 1 freestyle relay: London, 1.36.65. Women: 440yds freestyle: H Sanderson (Nottingham), 4:46.09. 110yds breaststroke: D Campbell (Strathclyde), 1:18.75. 220yds backstroke: V Clements (Swansea) 2:34.04. 110yds freestyle: J Wilmot (Loughborough), 1:00.80. 220yds butterfly: Wilmot, 2:25.39. 4 x 1 medley relay: Strathclyde, 1:23.59. 4 x 1 individual medley: S Forrester (Edinburgh), 1:37.40. 220yds breaststroke: Campbell, 2:47.14. 220yds freestyle: Wilmot, 2:11.31. 110yds backstroke: T Loveman (London), 1:11.78. 110yds butterfly: N Kennedy (Nottingham), 1:06.09. 4 x 1 freestyle relay: Loughborough, 1:14.67. Team: British Universities: Men: Swansea 108.5pts. Women: Loughborough 78. UAU Championship: Men: Swansea 162.5. Women: Loughborough 144. UAU small universities: Men: Bath 104. Women: Bath 29.

SWIMMING

ORLANDO, Florida: US winter championships: Women's 800m freestyle: 1, J Evans (US), 8min 17.12sec (world record).

French leave

Paris (AFP) — The French women's hockey team leaves today for a two week tour of Britain that includes matches against Scotland A, Scotland juniors, Lancashire and Wales. They will also take part in the Folkestone tournament.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	40	190	good	heavy	worn	snow	4
Conditions still good							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	120	210	good	varied	good	snow	2
Good skiing everywhere							
Flaine	145	320	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Improved conditions with new snowfall							
Isola 2000	95	160	icy	crust	fair	fine	3
Slushy on lower slopes							
Tignes	200	240	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Excellent skiing conditions							
Val Thorens	185	245	good	powder	good	snow	0
Great skiing but poor visibility							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	90	180	fair	crust	fair	cloud	2
New snow on icy base							
Verbier	50	230	good	powder	fair	snow	-3
Powder on a hard base							
Wengen	30	160	good	powder	fair	cloud	8
30cms of new snow, good skiing on upper slopes							
Zermatt	60	150	good	varied	poor	cloud	5
Slush on lower slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

AUSTRIA	L	U
Bad Kleinkirchheim	–	100
Ischgl	80	230
Lech	170	300
Mayrhofen	10	120
Niederau	60	200
Obergurgl	110	240
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	100	235
St Anton	100	480
Schladming	40	210
Seefeld	80	110
Sölden	20	180
Söll	60	150
Zell am See	80	150

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

ITALY	L	U
Arabba	40	130
Bormio	50	70
Cervinia	100	200
Cortina d'Ampezzo	15	110
Corvara	50	100
Courmayeur	90	320
Livigno	30	70
Madesimo	70	170
Madonna di Campiglio	90	180
Sauze d'Oulx	40	70
Selva di Valgardena	20	100
Sestriere	50	80
Tonale	60	120

● Information supplied by the Italian Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wide cover, wet snow; lower slopes, runs complete, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft. Glencoe: no report. Lecht: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wet snow; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Forecast for today: scattered showers falling as snow above 2,000ft; freezing level falling from above the summits at first to 2,000ft; some sunny intervals; strong westerly winds increasing to gale force on higher slopes with drifting. Outlook for tomorrow: scattered showers, with snow on higher slopes; strong west winds; some sunny intervals; freezing all levels.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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Recall of Hansen vital for Scots

By Roddy Forsyth

Andy Roxburgh, the national coach, has insisted on calling Scotland's last four matches "learning experiences". The first game ended in a 1-0 win in Sofia which halted Bulgaria's five-year unbeaten record at home and wrecked their chance of reaching the European Championship finals in West Germany. It was followed by stumbling draws against Luxembourg, Saudia Arabia and, on Tuesday, Malta.

Roxburgh insisted on the flight home from Malta that he has seen enough from the four erratic performances to finalize his thoughts on the squad most likely to serve Scotland well in the imminent World Cup qualifying campaign.

"Of course there will always be room for someone who shows good form to come into our plans but the time for experiment is over", he said. "I wanted to examine attitude and ability and I know now who has got what we need."

He says the time for serious work by serious players comes in the next three games — with Spain in Madrid in April and against England and Colombia in the Rous Cup in May — which suggests that he knows his options are narrow.

Tough problems remain to be solved in key areas of the team.

Roxburgh must pray that Gillespie is available to command the heart of the defence. His ability to stride out of the back line and create an attacking opportunity with a single long and accurate pass has been badly missed since Sofia. But who will play beside him? Despite his declaration of retirement from international football one obvious name is Alan Hansen, Gillespie's partner at Liverpool.

Last summer it was said Hansen's knees were too vulnerable to injury for him to be considered for internationals. Since then he has been a keystone in his club's progress.

Hansen has not had a glittering career with Scotland and is out of favour with the Hampden crowd, who jeered him during his last appearance when the Scots were beaten 1-0 by the Republic of Ireland in the European Championship 13 months ago. Yet on that occasion Hansen was one of the few Scots players who tried to create menace, only to be let down by other colleagues.

If Hansen has been soured by that experience and by his omission from the Scotland squad for the World Cup finals it would be entirely understandable. But his country needs him badly and someone should tell them so.

Elsewhere, Scotland are unbalanced on the left side of midfield. Jim Bett, of Aberdeen, is not likely to inspire the Hampden crowd to hero worship but he knows what the job requires.

More importantly, the Scots still have to guess at their best striking partnership and despite Graeme Sharp's goal on Wednesday there is a strong case for a pairing of Durie, of Chelsea, whose direct running was seen to effect against Bulgaria, and McCoist, of Rangers.

With such questions still unresolved and the next fixture in the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid, it might be as well for Scotland if Hansen keeps his place in the squad for a few matches yet.

Irish keep their record rolling with solid show

From Clive White
Dublin

Republic of Ireland	**2**
Romania	**0**

The sudden withdrawal of 10 Steaua Bucharest players was of little concern to the Republic of Ireland at Lansdowne Road yesterday when they served up their sixth consecutive victory under the two-year-old guardianship of Jack Charlton.

The result will look good in the record books and, more importantly, it will have done the Irish a power of good as they tune up for the European Championship finals in West Germany this summer.

With six first choice players unavailable, it was very much an experimental Irish team too, and Charlton tinkered further with it, making three substitutions during the course of the game.

Even if the extensive absentee list inevitably impaired the quality of the game, there was still much to be gleaned from the match by Charlton.

His decision to give Kelly, the Walsall forward, the chance to show what he could do against top flight opposition after scoring three goals on his debut against Israel was rewarded with another hugely encouraging performance by the 22-year-old which should complicate Charlton's forward selection quite nicely.

If there is a wealth of talent in the Republic's regular midfield, Brady's suspension and questionable fitness has provided an opening for somebody. Sheridan, whom Leeds United price at nearly £1 million, went part of the way on his debut to proving his value on the international market.

No doubt Charlton will need to take a second look at him against Yugoslavia next month.

No less important in this area was the importance of Sheedy, who because of injury is still to find a niche in the Irish side five years after winning the first of a mere dozen caps. He has rarely looked more determined to do himself justice on the international stage.

Kelly enlivened a drab start to the first meeting between these two countries at senior level. His willingness to take on the wide defenders produced the Republic's most enterprising moments of the first half. But his crosses invariably met with a disappointing response from his coleagues.

It was, at least, more than the Romanians appeared capable of. Camataru, last season's Golden Boots winner, was an isolated figure in a lethargic looking team.

The Irish, clearly ahead on points, eventually converted their superiority to a tangible lead after half an hour. A corner by Sheridan deceived Andone and Moraru, the goalkeeper, at the near post, a defender cleared off the goal line, and Moran calmly and simply steered the ball back into the net for his fourth international goal.

It was encouraging to see the Republic maintain the initiative after half-time. Quinn, brought on for Stapleton, who captained the side, was deserving of a goal in the 56th minute with an aggressive, well-timed dive at a driven cross by Sheedy, but the ball swerved wide of the post. Morris, the right back, might have done better with a Grimes centre which Byrne had failed to meet, but the Celtic player sliced his attempt wide of an open goal.

The Romanians, unfortunate not to qualify for the European champion themselves, were still not without some quality despite the absence of those members of the European Cup semi-finalists. Boloni, looking younger than his 105 caps would indicate, showed us a delightful blend of subtlety and power, never more obviously demonstrating the latter than with a 35-yard free kick which Bonner did well to turn over the crossbar.

But the Irish remained persistent to the end and with seconds remaining a cross by Sheedy cleared Moraru for Kelly to head a simple and deserving goal at the far post.

Irish jig: McCarthy (left) makes a flying interception against Romania in Dublin yesterday

Campbell signs up Hitchcock

Within hours of taking over from John Hollins, Bobby Campbell the Chelsea's caretaker manager, moved into the transfer market yesterday and signed Kevin Hitchcock, a goalkeeper from Mansfield Town for £250,000.

Campbell, accompanied by Peter Bonnetti, the goalkeeping coach, watched Hitchcock, a six footer from East London, who started his career with Nottingham Forest, play in Mansfield's 1-0 defeat of Aldershot on Tuesday.

The fee was agreed with Ian Greaves, the Mansfield manager, after the game. Hitchcock has made more than 150 appearances for Mansfield and will make his debut for Chelsea in Saturday's home game against Southampton at Stamford Bridge.

Perry Digweed, on loan at Chelsea, was yesterday recalled to Brighton and Eddie Niedzwiecki, who last played 18 games ago, the last time Chelsea won, is unlikely to play again before next season.

● Darlington have paid Stockport County £12,000 for Jimmy Willis.

Graham gets his man

By Dennis Signy

With today's transfer deadline looming, yesterday saw a number of Football League managers make eleventh-hour signings, the most significant being the £450,000 deal which will take Brian Marwood of Sheffield Wednesday to Arsenal.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has shown an interest in the player for the past two years. Marwood, aged 28, was once described as "the new Steve Coppell", and completed the formalities of his signing after travelling to London for talks.

He is a goal-scoring forward who usually has a wide attacking role alongside more orthodox forwards and who has attracted the attention of most top clubs since he joined Wednesday from Hull City for £115,000 four years ago.

Hull yesterday sold another promising player, Gary Parker, to Nottingham Forest for £250,000. Parker, 22, the former England under-21 international, moved down from Luton to Hull in search of regular first team football two years ago and now admits it has paid rich dividends.

He said: "Moving from Luton to Hull was a good decision because it's given me the springboard to join a big first division club. The move to Forest happened very quickly and I'm delighted about it."

Parker is Forest manager Brian Clough's second signing in a week; he paid £150,000 to Preston for teenager Nigel Jemson.

Trevor Francis, Rangers' former England striker, yesterday also agreed transfer terms which take him to Queen's Park Rangers on a free transfer.

Francis, 33, a former Birmingham, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City forward, and Britain's first £1 million footballer, travelled to London for talks with Rangers manager Jim Smith — the man who sold him from Birmingham — yesterday.

But Francis will not be in QPR's side at Portsmouth on Saturday. Smith said: "I am planning an unchanged side as the lads did brilliantly against Norwich last Saturday." Francis' move to Loftus Road will disappoint Oxford, who had been linked with him as a possible player-manager successor to Maurice Evans, who resigned as manager at the Manor Ground earlier this month.

● Terry Yorath, the Swansea City manager, has been fined £50 by a Welsh FA disciplinary commission after admitting a charge of misconduct. Yorath was sent off in the fourth division match at Wrexham on March 12 following a confrontation with a linesman.

● Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, is trying to persuade former England winger Mark Chamberlain to stay with the club. His contract expires this summer but he has forced his way back into the side.

Negotiations have also begun with top scorer Lee Chapman, goalkeeper Martin Hodge and midfielder Siggi Jonsson. Centre-half Larry May is still on the transfer list and Wilkinson said he would be allowed to go if a suitable offer is received.

● Sheffield United have rejected a move by fellow second division strugglers Reading to sign their England under-21 winger, Peter Beagrie. Manager Dave Bassett said: "We have some desperately important games ahead and Beagrie can help us retain our second division standing."

Newport awaits wealthy Mr X

By a Special Correspondent

When, seven years ago, Newport County swept into the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup, the Welsh town was embossed on the mental maps of football *aficionados* from Marseilles to Milan. The romance proved short-lived. County have lurched from crisis to crisis until they are now contemplating at best a slide into Vauxhall Conference anonymity and at worst extinction.

Matters come to a head tonight with a board meeting when the directors could decide to fold the club. There were, however, rumours last night that a wealthy mystery American could be poised to rescue Newport and Brian Eastick, the former manager, said: "I've heard it's just possible that someone could be about to step in and save them."

Eastick was dismissed a fortnight ago when the club could no longer afford his £20,000 salary. The former Charlton coach arrived last October to discover that staving off relegation would be on a par with the miraculous. "I've had more problems in five months than a lot of managers face in five years," he said.

"For a start, eight players out of the squad of 17 were injured. None has been given medicals before signing and four or five would never have passed one. We also lacked a physiotherapist, so I had more injured players than fit ones and no one to treat them."

Injuries can be patched up but there was no remedy for the intrinsic lack of ability within the squad. "Of the original 17, by choice I would have retained four," Eastick said.

Survival will entail either the production of a deep-pocketed sugar-daddy or rebuilding from scratch in the hope of one day challenging for another League chance. Above all, County are desperate for stability. It is a quality which has been conspicuous by its absence

"If I pick up a paper and read that the club has folded it will be a disgrace," Eastick said."The directors have collectively got to accept responsibility for Newport's plight. I feel sorry for the supporters because their club has been mismanaged."

END COLUMN

The hall full of madcap dreams

George Rae

The new Flat season opens at Doncaster today, that time of dreams when all owners see their ugliest ducklings becoming the most beautiful swans.

And how they dreamed at the Ever Ready Derby lunch in London yesterday, no matter that all bar one of the 174 original entries must inevitably fall by the wayside. In that beamed hall, hospitality and optimism unrefrained, it was a day to talk a good fight.

The mood was captured by Louis Freedman, who bred and owned last year's Derby winner Reference Point. "You have before you a man whose fantasies have been allowed to come true," he said, the elation of last year mingling with a near embarrassment that a lifetime's dream had been fulfilled.

Appropriately, it was his trainer, Henry Cecil, the champion of his profession in 1987, who was the first to consider his Epsom prospects for the coming year. "Of the more exposed horses, Sanquirico and Carmelite House would be more likely than Reprimand to stay the Derby distance," he observed.

The bookmakers agree and generally quote Sanquirico, unbeaten in five races last season and one of 10 Cecil entries, as the 16-1 favourite.

So far so predictable, but Cecil did, however, offer one particularly interesting insight. "If I had to nominate a Derby horse, I was most impressed by a Roberto colt trained by Mr Thomson Jones," he said. "Unfortunately I find it difficult to pronounce its name."

Impressive Al Mufti

Tom Jones, a fellow Newmarket trainer, remained diplomatically silent, but further research indicated the animal in question to be the $1.2 million colt Al Mufti, who had impressed several other respected judges on his only start, an emphatic three-length success at Ascot. Al Mufti is quoted at 25-1, and on the pedigree of his admirers alone there will be plenty of worse bets around.

But the big battalions will march, not for the first time, in the maroon and white colours of Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai, last season's leading owner. He has 22 entries, the same as last year, for the race he has yet to win. His challenge is augmented by the remaining members of the Maktoum family, who have entered a further 26 horses, five more than last year.

Robert Sangster, who has known Derby success twice before, most recently with Golden Fleece in 1982, has marshalled 12 possibles, four of them trained by Barry Hills.

But Hills, who enjoyed such a memorable season in 1987, his first at Manton, had a word of warning for those who would avail themselves of the 33-1 about Glacial Storm, on paper at least, the most potent of his septet.

"He's a big horse," Hills said, "and I would think twice about running him on firm ground at Epsom. The Irish Derby may be a more likely objective."

The remaining eight Sangster hopefuls hail from Vincent O'Brien's Tipperary headquarters at Ballydoyle. The best known of them at this stage is the leading Irish two-year-old of last season, Caerwent, although O'Brien's newly-appointed stable jockey, John Reid, expressed a certain reservation about Caerwent's stamina.

Then to perhaps the most remarkable dream of all, that the Derby winner could be trained by a woman. Criquette Head, the outstandingly successful French trainer, has four entries, while the Sussex-based Lady Herries is no greater than 33-1 to prevail with Sheriff's Star. How the ghosts of Epsom past would turn in their graves.

And on, helter-skelter, through the trainers, striving to balance objectivity with that burning desire to identify the right one to greet in the small, circular winner's enclosure on June 1.

But amid the unbridled enthusiasm it was left to the supreme pragmatist, Michael Stoute, successful at Epsom with Shergar and Shahrastani, to redress the balance. Having summed up Doyoun — "lots of potential but not certain to stay" — and speculated on a dark horse, the decisive Yarmouth winner Saladain, he added: "But, you know, there's an awful lot of nonsense talked about the Derby in March."

Well, of course there is: but it's what dreams are made of.

Evert surrounded by youngsters

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne

Sometime this year Chris Evert, aged 33, is to marry for the second time. The word is that she will also retire from full-time tennis. If she needed a push in that direction, the pairings for the semi-finals of the Lipton championship provide it; she stands alone among three teenagers.

The line-up is Steffi Graf (aged 18) v Stephanie Rehe (18), and Mary Joe Fernandez (16) v Evert. For a tournament of this status, three of the quarter-finals were modest, exposing the gap between the celebrities and their leading rivals. Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver did not enter and Gabriela Sabatini, Hana Mandlikova, Lori McNeil and Zina Garrison failed to justify their seedings. That left the draw embarrassingly deficient in genuine class.

Evert beat Helena Sukova 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, at the end of the day in a match that restored dignity to women's tennis. They were on court for two hours and 27 minutes and both played well. Evert had three set points in the tie-break, had to break service twice to win the second set, but never had a break point against her in the third.

Fernandez, a local schoolgirl, who ranks twentieth in the world, was noisily supported by a few chums, presumably truants, while beating Elna Reinach. Rehe played a fine match, coming from behind in the third set to beat Barbara Potter, whose services and volleys lacked past penetration.

Mats Wilander, the closest challenger to Ivan Lendl for world supremecy, beat Aaron Krickstein 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 in the first of the men's quarter-finals. This was a demonstration of a craftsman at work. Three years ago Krickstein, still only 20, ranked seventh.

Injuries have brought him down, but he is not the cannon fodder Wilander made him look. Other leadings players receive more publicity and it is easy to forget Wilander's recent record in grand slam tournaments; runner-up to Lendl in the French and United States championships, and this year's champion of Australia.

I may not have told you that an Emerson is working in the Press Room. Not the famous Roy, but his daughter Heidi. Just outside is a stall selling German sausages under a sign that reads: "The best of the Wurst." And the mobile toilets are all labelled "The Crowd Pleaser."

RESULTS: Women: Quarter-finals: M J Fernandez (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-2, 6-3; S Graf (WG) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-3, 6-1; S Rehe (US) bt B Potter (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; C Evert (US) bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. **Men:** M Wilander (Swe) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

India pull out of tie

Delhi (Reuter) — India will not play its scheduled Davis Cup tennis tie against Israel in Tel Aviv "to protest against the Israeli atrocities on the Palestinians," Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, told parliament yesterday.

In London, a spokeswoman for the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said under Davis Cup rules India's refusal to play the tie would bring a suspension from the competition for 1989, and relegation to the Asian zone in 1990.

Jones quits RAF to run full-time

Steve Jones, the Welsh marathon runner, will become a full-time athlete from July 19, when he severs a 14-year link with the armed forces and leaves the RAF.

Corporal B8110633 Jones will break his ties with RAF St Asaph this summer in a determined bid to recapture the form which made him the marathon world record-holder in 1984. Jones has set his sights on winning this year's Boston marathon and an Olympic gold medal in Seoul.

"I've reached a period in my athletics career when I need some more motivation," he said. The easy option would have been to stay in the RAF, but I need to recapture a little bit of my race hunger."

Jones has an early chance of testing his form when he defends his Fleet half-marathon title this weekend.

● ROME (Reuter) — An official inquiry has found that Italian officials arranged the long jump result at last year's world athletics championships in Rome to ensure a bronze medal for Italy, *Gazzetta dello Sport*, a leading sports newspaper reported yesterday. *Gazzetta* said the National Olympic Committee (CONI) inquiry had concluded that a meeting took place before the September 5 competition to make sure Giovanni Evangelisti, the long jumper, won a medal.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Food for thought

Seoul (AFP) — The Soviet Union want their own chefs and food supplies at the Summer Olympics, officials said. Games organisers have been asked to make room for an 800-strong Soviet delegation complete with chefs and have also received a request for self-catering facilities.

The Seoul Olympic Organising Committee have appointed 500 chefs from leading Seoul hotels to serve 13,000 athletes and officials at the Olympic Village here, but the Soviets are not impressed.

Golden help

British speedway has struck gold in its diamond jubilee year — smokeless coal producers Sunbrite are pumping £100,000 into the sport to sponsor a series of celebration events.

Adams back

Neil Adams, the former world judo champion and double Olympic silver medal winner, returns from two years in retirement to compete at the British Open Championships, at Crystal Palace, on April 9 and 10. Aiming for a place in the Seoul Olympics, Adams knows only a top class performance can force him back into contention.

Run is on

The Reading half-marathon, one of the season's top road races, has been re-instated by the Southern Counties Athletic Association after earlier being refused a permit. The organiser, Stan Eldon, has agreed to pay 50p from the entrance fee of each non-club athlete to the SCAA, so the association has lifted its ban on top runners taking part on April 10.

Essex profit

Essex County Cricket Club made a profit of more than £100,000 last year for the fourth successive season and finished in the black for the 17th successive year. Their 1987 profit margin was £108,062.

Jimmy Kelly

Jimmy "Spider" Kelly, the featherweight who defeated Benny Caplan (London) in the King's Hall, Belfast, in 1938 he became the first Irish boxer to win a British and Empire title, died yesterday at his Londonderry home, aged 77.

Luton defend

Neil Tennant, the Scottish cross-country champion, leads Luton United's defence of the Southern Counties 12-stage road relay title against 56 other clubs at Wimbledon on Saturday.

Botham at crossroads again as TCCB call for report

Test and County Cricket Board members have asked for a full report from their Australian counterparts on the latest Ian Botham affair. Officials refused to be drawn on the all-rounder's future as an England player after his fine yesterday by an Australian court for assault and offensive behaviour during a flight from Melbourne to Perth.

Fined earlier this month by the Australian Cricket Board after a disturbance on the field, and facing a further investigation tomorrow into a dressing-room incident in Tasmania, Botham has had a disastrous first season with Queensland.

"I'm not going to speculate as to what may or may not happen following receipt of the report," Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, said. "We may not receive it until after Easter and it would be wrong to comment until then."

Peter Lush, the England tour manager, who flew home from New Zealand with his team yesterday, said: "I have only read about it in the papers and one is naturally disappointed about any England player being fined for something like that — but it is a matter for our board."

The TCCB has promised to get tough with players who step out of line in the forthcoming season. They warned earlier this month that selectors would pay "every bit as much notice to behaviour as form" when picking England teams to face West Indies this summer.

It is doubtful if Botham will be invited back next season by Queensland, for whom he has signed a three-year contract.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) is to take further action over him. Norm McMahon, a spokesman for the Queensland Cricket Association, confirmed that the Englishman faces a charge under the code which prohibits its players from engaging in public acts of misconduct

Botham also faces a second charge, along with Dennis Lillee, after a complaint from the Tasmanian Cricket Council about their behaviour after a McDonald's Cup game between Queensland and Tasmania in Launceston, where a dressing-room was allegedly smashed

Earlier this month the ACB fined Botham £250 for swearing at the umpire in another Queensland match.

Tory MPs yesterday called on the TCCB to consider imposing sanctions on Botham. Gerald Howarth, Conservative MP for Cannock and Burntwood, said: "This kind of loutish behaviour brings the game into disrepute. I think some kind of disciplinary action is deserved, possibly suspension for a number of games when the English cricket season gets under way."

Irvine Patrick, Tory MP for Sheffield, Hallam, said: "The board should certainly consider taking some action. After all, Botham sets the lifestyle for millions of youngsters

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Wigan wrangle over Iro

The stage seems set for an involved wrangle between Wigan and the New Zealand rugby league authorities over Tony Iro, the younger of the Kiwi brothers (Keith Macklin writes).

Iro has been named in the Wigan squad for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on April 30 despite the fact that he has been instructed to return home to his club Mount Albert before that date.

The New Zealand order to both Iro brothers and to other players in this country, including Shane Cooper of St Helens, is in accordance with existing agreements between the authorities in both this countries.